

# MORRISON CREEK METROPOLITAN WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT

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## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Board of Directors of the Morrison Creek Metropolitan Water & Sanitation District met on July 17, 2012 at the Offices of Sharp, Steinke, Sherman & Engle located at 401 Lincoln Avenue in Steamboat Springs, Colorado for their regularly scheduled meeting.

Present: Tony Borean, President  
Ken Burgess, Treasurer  
Paul Matheny, Director  
Bob Woodmansee, Director- by Telephone  
Mike Ratliff, Vice President

Also Present: Steve Colby, District Manager  
Tom Sharp, Council  
Melinda Sherman, Council

-Tony Borean called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M...

-President Borean directed that the New Business item "November 2012 Referred Ballot Question" to be discussed now. There was no objection by the Board.

-Ken Burgess moved for the District to retain the Law Firm of Grimshaw and Haring to assist with the proposed November 2012 ballot question. Mike Ratliff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pass.

-Tom Sharp discussed the wording for the proposed ballot question which was developed in consultation with Larry Berkowitz and Rick Kron, attorneys at Grimshaw & Haring. The question needs to specify a maximum allowable mil levy. The number 50 has been chosen which should be enough to prevent the ratcheting down of the District's current property tax revenue which will result from the projected 55% decrease in the total assessed valuation for the current assessment period. Mr. Sharp pointed out the possibility that the assessed valuation could plummet further in the next assessment period in which case a 50 mil levy may not be enough to protect the District's ability to collect the property tax revenue allowable. There was considerable discussion by the Board concerning an appropriate number. Mr. Sharp recommended adopting the resolution but with the condition that the maximum mil levy can be changed at the August meeting.

-Ken Burgess made the motion to adopt the resolution attached adopting the question to be presented to the electors of the District at the November 6 election. Mike Ratliff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

-Melinda Sherman discussed the options for conducting the election. The options are for the District to conduct its own mail ballot election or to do a coordinated election with the County. Ms Sherman has discussed the coordinated election with Kay Weinland, Routt County Clerk and Recorder, who can provide an intergovernmental agreement if we desire to do the coordinated election. Kay Weinland also gave an estimate of the cost and it appears that a coordinated election would be most cost effective for the District.

-Mike Ratliff moved to proceed with a coordinated election with Routt County on November 6, 2012. Ken Burgess 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

### June Meeting Minutes

- Paul Matheny noted that the proposed minutes have Steve Colby as Treasurer. They should say as Secretary.
- Paul Matheny moved to approve the June meeting minutes with the aforementioned correction. Mike Ratliff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pass.

### Financial Report

- Mike Ratliff moved to approve the financial report as e-mailed and to ratify check #'s 12613 to 12646 and the 63012 ACH payment to the IRS. Paul Matheny 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pass.

### Old Business

- Chris Catterson of Catterson & Company PC was present to discuss the 2011 Audit Report. He reported that he had made adjustment in the balance forward from the 2010 Audit to account for pre-billed service fees. He also made several adjustments to account for expenses accrued in 2011 but paid in 2012.
- Ken Burgess made to motion to accept the 2011 audit and direct that it be sent to the States Auditors Office. Mike Ratliff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pass.

### New Business

- The owners of Multifamily Lots 5 & 6 in Horseback are requesting approval from the Board to allow vacation of the utility easement between the two lots. The Board has previously agreed in July 2011 to the vacation of the easement between MF lots 6, 7 & 8 in Horseback. The Manager reported that the Water & Sewer Masterplan as prepared in 2008 by CDC does not indicate any mainlines in this easement. These lots back up to unplatted land.
- Mike Ratliff move to allow the vacation of the easement between lots Multifamily 5 & 6 in Horseback as part of a replat of these lots to MRE. Paul Matheny 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pass,
- Their being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM