

# 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 September 20, 2018 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  
Mike Ratliff, Vice President  
Leah Wolf Martin, Treasurer  
Bob Woodmansee, Director  
Barbara Houston, Director

Also Present: Steve Colby, District Manager  
Tom Sharp, Counsel

- Tony Borean called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.
- Tony Borean suggested that the open board seat item be moved up to be considered. There was no objection.
- The Board interviewed Barbara Houston as a candidate for the Board. Barbara is an owner in Red Hawk Village, works in the Routt County clerk & recorders office and has served on the SPOA board and RHV board.
- Bob Woodmansee made the motion to appoint Barbara Houston to fill the vacant Board seat until the next regular election date in the spring of 2020. Leah Wolf Martin 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pass.
- Tom Sharp administered the oath of office to Barbara Houston.

### August Meeting Minutes

- Mike Ratliff made the motion to accept the August meeting minutes as prepared and emailed to the Board. Bob Woodmansee 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pass.

### Financial Report

- The financial report and check register were reviewed by the Board. Several questions on the check register were answered by the Manager.
- Leah Wolf Martin made the motion to approve the financial report and ratify check #'s 14895 to 14925 inclusive and two ACH payments to the IRS and Lincoln National. Mike Ratliff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pass.

### Managers Report

-The manager reported on the results of the recent meter reading which was for use in the July & August period. The total metered water was 5,148,910 gallons. The well pumping records have a total of 5,914,994 gallons pumped. This is a 13% loss which is somewhat higher than average. Both totals are record highs. We had 3 accounts alone which accounted for 455,000 gallons of water. Several bills were in the thousands. We have already received all of our budgeted water use revenue for the year with 2 periods to go. We have had several requests for meter tests/replacement. The manager has ordered a new meter test device at the cost of \$1000.

-Most of our water meters and transmitters are 15 years old or more. The transmitters or ERTS are battery powered and near the end of the predicted life. They will need to be replaced in the near future.

The manager wanted to open a discussion on how we may want to address this in a proactive manner. The District funded the original installation of the transmitters and reading program. Many of the meters in the townhomes were already installed at the association expense which was done as part of the agreement which provided for the individual billing of the townhome units. Some of the plastic body meters were replaced with the installation of ERTS. There are more sophisticated systems now called fixed network which do not require mobile reads. Mike and Steve attended a presentation at the SDA conference on the Colorado Energy office program called Energy Performance Contracting which may have some advantages in replacement of our system. The manager will investigate further and report to the Board.

-We had several violations related to documenting water tank inspection in the recent CDPHE sanitary survey. We are required to provide public notice of the violation. We will accomplish this by door to door posting tomorrow.

-We still plan on doing the lining in Project I & II area this year. Layne is scheduled to be here this fall. They will also complete the punch list items on the 2016 project.

#### Attorneys Report

-Mr. Sharp reported that the water court had signed the decree making the water rights on wells 2, 2R & 10 absolute. Diligence was granted on the conditional rights on well 5. This really good news and in conjunction with the final decrees on the augmentation plan is very timely in light of the recent actions on the Yampa River.

-We have filed for summary judgement on the Garrison Greek Ridge case. They missed the deadline for filing of diligence on their water rights.

#### Old Business

-The vacant board seat has been resolved earlier.

#### New Business

-A draft proposed budget has been provided to the Board by the District Manager. We have received the preliminary TAV from the assessor's office and it is \$18,310,970 which is a slight increase over last year due to new construction. 2017 was not a revaluation year. Using a 3.1 CPI this results in \$340,947 in revenue using the TABOR calculation which is the more restrictive of the two property tax calculations (the other is the statutory 5.5% limit). We need to set the official Budget Adoption meeting to be noticed in the legal section of the Steamboat newspaper. We will discuss the Budget further at the October meeting. The budget needs to be adopted by the December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline to certify the mil levy.

-Mike Ratliff made the motion to set the budget adoption meeting to be the regular November 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Bob Woodmansee 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pass

-The call on the Yampa River was discussed. We have been asked to provide augmentation water for our well pumping depletions during the call. Peter Boddie of HRS has calculated this to be an absolute maximum of 5-acre feet but probably more in the range of 2-3-acre feet. We have authorized UYWCD to release up to 5-acre feet of our 500 af of Stagecoach Reservoir storage at the direction of the District Engineer. This is the first ever call on the mainstem of the Yampa River. There was a general discussion of the larger picture of water in the Colorado River system and the “structural deficit” which exists.

-Their being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M...