

**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 June 23<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Offices of Sharp, Steinke, Sherman & Engle located at 401 Lincoln Avenue in Steamboat Springs, Colorado for their regularly scheduled meeting. Also, available online at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/858019309> ; Join by phone +1 (571) 317-3112 , Access Code 858-019-309

Present: Anthony Borean, President  
Mike Ratliff, Vice President  
Leah Wolf Martin, Treasurer  
Jim Kinser, Director

Also, Present: Geovanny Romero, District Manager  
Tom Sharp, Legal Counsel  
John and Lainie Schuster, Residents

-Director Borean called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Public Comment

- No public comment received

Meeting minutes

-Director Wolf Martin made a motion to adopt May's meeting minutes. Director Ratliff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pass

Financial Report

- Director Ratliff asked about an invoice from Grand Junction Pipe and Supply. The district manager responded that the district had purchased several water meters from the vendor.

- Director Wolf Martin made a motion approve check # 16420 through 16450 inclusive of the several ACH and EFT transactions executed by the district. Director Kinser 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pass

### Attorney's Report

-Mr. Sharp informed the board that during the previous month he had been involved with the development of the "Interim Financing" loan contract between the district and Yampa Valley Bank for the construction of the new wastewater treatment plant.

-Mr. Sharp went over the original vault disposition agreement with Routt County. He stated that the formula utilized by the district to determine the number of vaults per subdivision, was the total number of acres for the particular subdivision divided by 5, since the County has always required at least a 5-acre parcel size to permit an engineered septic system/leach field. He added, however, that under the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment to the County vault agreement, the formula was modified by mutual agreement of the County and District so that, if sewer lines are in fact extended into such a subdivision to service some lots, the total acreage of those lots which may now be served with central sewage collection by the District are to be subtracted from the total acreage of the subdivision before dividing that result by 5. This formula revision is applicable in the Morningside Subdivision, for example. The purpose of the revised formula calculation is to eventually end the availability of District approved individual vaults in each subdivision, director Borean stated.

### Old Business

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement: The district manager stated the dewatering phase of the project had started during the past couple of weeks. Currently there are 9 wells drilled at the site that are operating to dry up the area of future excavation. The dewatering phase should take approximately 2 weeks. Meanwhile, Integrated Water Systems (IWS) will commence mobilization of equipment said the district manager. Mr. Romero asked the members of the board to be part of the groundbreaking ceremony planned the following week.

- The district manager stated that he had been working along with the district's attorney for the final draft of the interim financing contract with Yampa Valley Bank. He stated that the final documents will be ready for signature the following Tuesday. As part of the loan funding from the district, the district will have to start thinking about amending its rules and regulations to impose the "availability of services fee" to all the lots that are currently served by water and/or sewer but not built on, said the district manager. The district attorney mentioned that the district should start planning the public meeting as it has the potential to bring a lot of controversy to the district. The district attorney stated that he would put a synopsis of the procedure needed to approach the implementation of the mentioned fees and send it out to the board members prior to the next board meeting. Director Ratliff asked about people who have purchased multiple lots for privacy that are serviced by water and sewer. The district attorney stated that the standard policy for imposition of availability of service fees will impose such fees on every lot that is capable of being served by existing central water and/or sewer main lines within 100 feet of the lot boundary.

- Tap Fees: The board of directors reviewed another proposed tap fee schedule for additional detached or attached caretaker units. The Board decided to adopt the new schedule in which ADU's use the new "tap fee" calculator to assess their connection fees.

Director Ratliff made a motion to adopt resolution 2022-07 accepting the new ADU fee schedule.

### New Business


- Well and Vault allocations: The district manager stated that the Morningside subdivision will have issued vault agreements to the maximum permitted number, so that other vacant lots in the subdivision will not be able to obtain vault permits. At that point some vacant lots in Morningside will become unbuildable unless the district's main sewer lines are extended further in the subdivision, he stated. Some people have called the

district asking for the district to apply for exempt water well permits on their lots in Morningside, out of fear that well permits may not be available in the future. The district manager said that he will only apply for an exempt water well permit in the name of the district for an individual lot when a lot owner has signed a Vault Agreement and paid the Vault Agreement fee, and the lot owner has obtained a building permit for a residence and construction on such residence has been started, in order to avoid the usage of well permits as a realtor marketing campaign. The board of directors recommended that the district should not apply for an exempt well permit for a vacant lot unless the lot owner has signed a vault permit application and paid the Vault Impact fee.

### Manager's Report

- The district manager said that he has been participating in several meetings with regards to the nutrient loading at Stagecoach Reservoir. The listing of the reservoir as a drinking water supply has accelerated the period of time the district needs to prepare for difficult to achieve nutrient limits proposed by the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission. The district manager stated that due to the high levels of nutrient loading to the reservoir that is unrelated to the district's discharge, the district will have a very difficult time achieving these proposed nutrient standards. The district manager mentioned that he will continue to work with the basin affected parties to attempt to influence the WQCC since the new rule is basically technologically unachievable.
- The district manager mentioned that he is considering what the district will look like in the next 20 years. He stated that if the district residential construction continues to grow at the rate that it currently is growing, he foresees the need to grow the district physical facilities. Therefore, he will begin to reach out to Tri-State Transmission and Generation to inquire about the possibility of district acquisition of a portion of vacant land owned by Tri-State next to the current district's wastewater treatment plant site facility.
- The district manager mentioned that the district's staff continues to search for location of the water main line water loss source. We have identified at least two possible leaks, he said. The district will approach the property owners to try to remediate the possible leaks to conserve the treated water.
- No other new business was addressed

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

  
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Geovanny Romero, Secretary

