# Board of Directors Regular Meeting Stratmoor Hills Water District May 18, 2022

#### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held Wednesday, May 18, 2022, was called to order by President Robert Colgrove at 3:20PM.

Present: President Robert Colgrove, Vice-President James Pesicka, Secretary/ Treasurer John Willcox, Director Cynthia Dent, and Director Richard Dull

## Absent:

Staff: District Manager, Kevin Niles

Public: Dianne Cooper

## **Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Director Pesicka to approve the April 20, 2022, meeting minutes as presented, second provided by Director Willcox... Motion Approved by Directors Pesicka, Willcox, and Colgrove.

## Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Director Pesicka to approve the May 18, 2022, agenda as presented. Second provided by Director Willcox... All Ayes - The motion passed unanimously.

## **Public Comment**

None.

#### **Unfinished Business**

None.

### **New and Miscellaneous Business**

### W-1. Election of Board Officers

President Colgrove informed the Board that the new Board Directors needs to elect Board Officers. Motion by Director Pesicka to appoint Robert Colgrove as President, second provided by Director Dull... All Ayes - The motion passed unanimously. Motion by Director Willcox to appoint Jim Pesicka as Vice President, second provided by Director Dull... All Ayes - The motion passed unanimously. Motion by Director Pesicka to appoint John Willcox to Secretary/Treasurer, second provided Director Dull... All Ayes - The motion passed unanimously.

## W-2. Bank Resolution 2022-05

District Manager, Kevin Niles, informed the Board that with the addition of Richard Dull, Cynthia Dent, and James Pesicka, as new Board Members, the Board is required to add them to all bank accounts and remove previous Directors Dianne Cooper and Joseph Novak. Motion by Director Pesicka to adopt the bank resolution authorizing the new Board members to sign checks and transfer funds, and to remove Dianne Cooper and Joseph Novak. Second was provided by Director Willcox... All Ayes - The motion passed unanimously.

## W-3. Federal Tort Claim Act (FTCA) Filing Against the Federal Government

The District Manager, Kevin Niles, inform the Board of Directors that the Board must consider filing a claim against the Federal Government claiming damages due to the use of PFAS chemicals on a military installation. The purpose of this claim would be to recover for loss of property value and/or loss of income, as well as the right to recover for removal and/or remediation costs associated with PFAS. Discussion on other Districts having claims. Motion by Director Pesicka to allow NS PR LAW Services LLC to file a tort action against the Federal Government on behalf of the Stratmoor Hills Water District to help recover costs associated with the remediation or removal of PFAS occurred by the Water District. Second was provided by Director Willcox... All Ayes - The motion passed unanimously.

## W-4. CDPHE PFAS Grant Funding

District Manager, Kevin Niles, applied for grant funding from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, (CDPHE), to help cover operational expenses associated with the new treatment facility. On April 28, 2022, the District was notified that the CDPHE awarded Stratmoor Hills Water District \$12,524 in PFAS Grant Funding to cover operational expenses associated with the removal of PFCs.

## Manager's Report

District Manager:

- Updated the Board that the water treatment plant is finally complete. Currently, the District is only operating off one well. Well #4 requires a new meter and the meter must be certified for the State before operations can commence. Glacier is currently awaiting final approval from PPRB and issuing of the Certificate of Occupancy. The Board will need to take several actions at the next Board Meeting for the completion of the project and loan documentation. Reminder Open House is scheduled for Friday May 20, 2022 from 1-3pm.
- Informed the Board that the District Manager made invoicing errors with the USAF funding and SRF Loan. The District was doubled reimbursed for the Cartridge Filters and the installation of the Ion Exchange Vessels. After Discussions with the Auditor, this in a minor infraction and the District will received a compliance violation on the 2021 Audit. However, the issue has been resolved and the errors have been corrected and the final balance of the project will be okay.
- Updated the Board that The field crew continues to work diligently on the District's distribution and collection systems. There were three service line repairs and one main break in April. The District has installed 1733 new meter, to-date. This leaves approximately 200 meters to be installed. The field crew will continue to install meters and the District should be 100% complete by summer 2022.
- Informed the Board that the Special District Association (SDA) will be holding their Annual Regional Workshop in Fountain at Fountain Sanitation on June 20, 2022, 8-12:30. The cost of the

- workshop is \$30 per person to attend. The Water, Fire, and Sanitation District rotate this cost annually. This year belongs to the Water District. This workshop is open to staff and Board of Directors. So far, The Water District Manager and the Fire District Administrator will be attending.
- Informed the Board that the Water District is currently seeking applicants to fill two open positions. Field Technician, Matthew Pinion quit on Tuesday April 26, 2022, without any notice. Customer Service Representative, Patricia Burrous, gave notice on Monday May 9, 2022, and here last day of employment will be Friday May 20, 2022. The District is having a harder time filling the Field Technician position, but hopefully a new hire will happen soon.
- Informed the Board that the District has applied for grant funding with El Paso County under the American Rescue Plan Act, (ARPA). The District has asked for funding to help pay for a new interconnection with Colorado Springs Utilities in case of a major outage in the distribution system. The anticipated cost is \$685,000. Based on the actual award, the District may seek additional funding for the Arkansas Basin Roundtable.
- Updated the Board that Meetings are now being held in person. The District Manager has attended several meetings on behalf of the District. I have attended the following meetings: Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority, (PPRWA), Lower Fountain Water Quality Management Association, (LFWOMA), Fountain Valley Authority, (FVA), and the Arkansas Basin Roundtable.

## **Safety Committee Report**

Director Willcox reported that the Safety Committee did not meet for the month of May

## **Financial Reports**

District Manager, Kevin Niles, reviewed the April Financial Report with the Board of Directors... Motion by Director Pesicka to approve the April Financials as presented. Second provided by Director Willcox... All Ayes - The motion passed unanimously.

## **Other Business**

None

#### Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board of Directors, Director Pesicka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:56 PM. Second provided by Director Willcox... All Ayes - The motion passed unanimously.

John Willcox

Secretary/Treasurer

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Robert Colgrove

President/ Chairman