

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**Stratmoor Hills Water District**  
**October 19, 2022**

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held Wednesday, October 19, 2022, was called to order by President Robert Colgrove at 3:00PM.

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: None

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Director Pesicka to approve the September 21, 2022, meeting minutes as presented, second provided by Director Willcox... All Ayes - The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion was made by Director Pesicka to approve the October 19, 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. 2023 Budget - Action Item (Niles)**

District Manager, Kevin Niles, informed the Board that Colorado Statute C.R.S. 29-1-105 requires "No later than October 15 of each year, the person appointed to prepare the budget shall submit such budget to the governing body." The budget for 2023 was delivered to the Board of Directors on October 5, 2022. Upon receipt of the proposed budget, the governing body must publish the "Notice of Budget" setting a date and time for public comment on the proposed budget. Motion by Director Pesicka to acknowledge receipt of the proposed 2023 budget. To set and publish per statute a public hearing, as required by Colorado statute, for November 16, 2022, at the Board of

Directors meeting and to set the date of December 7, 2022, at 3:00 pm, at the Board of Directors Meeting to adopt the final budget for 2023. Second was provided by Director Willcox... All Ayes - The motion passed unanimously.

### **W-2. 2023 Water Rate Increase – Action Item (Niles)**

District Manager, Kevin Niles, informed the Board that during the Budget Workshop held on October 5, 2022, it was determined by the Board that a rate increase of 3% should be considered in 2023 to maintain the infrastructure necessary to provide safe and reliable services. The Board must provide notice to its customers at least 30 days prior to taking action that would increase water rates or fees. Sending notice along with the November bills would allow the Board to act (by resolution) at the January 18, 2023, Board meeting making the new rates effective on February 1, 2023. Motion by Director Pesicka to approve notifying the customers of the Stratmoor Hills Water District via the November billing statements and newsletter of a rate increase hearing at the December 7, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting. Second was provided by Director Willcox... All Ayes - The motion passed unanimously.

### **W-3 Water Rate Comparison**

The District Manager has evaluated water rates from within the region and shared his findings with the Board of Directors. This information will be useful in determining if a rate increase should be considered to address critical water infrastructure needs in 2023.

### **Manager's Report**

District Manager:

- Updated the Board after discussing this situation with the staff, management decided to let the Temporary Restraining Order drop. We believe that Mr. Alba received the message that his behavior will not be tolerated and the District will use whatever means necessary to keep the staff safe.
- Informed the Board that the treatment plant is running smoothly, and the staff has everything dialed in. Comcast finally ran internet access to the building so the installed security cameras will work. All 3 wells are in operation and the plant is averaging 500 GPM. The overall production is averaging 650,000 gallons per day. The District has only needed a couple daily deliveries from FVA since October 1, 2022.
- Updated the Board that The field crew continues to work diligently on the District's distribution and collection systems. There were five service line repairs and one main breaks in September. The crew has also been flushing hydrants and exercising valves since September 1, 2022. We have seen a substantial increase in our "Checks for Leaks" and the staff is determining the cause for the spike. There are some concerns with the new meters having faulty washers and poor structure of the meters. The District Manager is working with the Mueller Rep on possible solutions.
- Informed the Board that there is a customer that apparently lives under the water tower. A customer has reached out to the District Manager regarding concerns about the 5G network hardware that is attached to the tower. They believe there are potential health issues based on the 5G equipment. They want to know why the District was not consulted on the equipment leases with the telecommunication companies. The DM sent the following email... *"Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention. However, I have no comment regarding any health concerns from having our lease with any telecommunications company. The decision was made by the Board of Directors to approve each individual lease. Since the tower and the land below is owned by the District, the*



*board took action they felt was in the best interest of the Water District. Please let me know how else I can help you”* Updated the Board that the easement landscape at 116 Chamberlin Ave. was completed by Christian Brothers Landscaping over the week of August 29, 2022. The project is now 100% complete and there will be no further accommodations made for the residents neighboring the easement.

- Updated the Board that in 2021 The Board of Directors agreed to take part in a class action suit against the makers of the Airforce Fire Fighting Foam. The Court held its first in-person status conference since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. The court issued an order denying the defendants summary judgement motion based on the government contract defense. Basically, the Court determined that it was for a jury to decide on a case-by-case basis whether the government contractor defense immunizes the defendant manufacturers from liability in this litigation.
- 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, (LFWQMA), Fountain Valley Authority, (FVA), and the Arkansas Basin Roundtable

### **Safety Committee Report**

Director Willcox reported that the Safety Committee met at the District office on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Discussions on 851 days without an accident and there were no close calls reported. Also discussed safety topics Driving Tips and Staying Warm in Winter Months. The Committee also discussed the situation with the irate customer. Also, discussion on installing bullet proof glass.

### **Financial Reports**

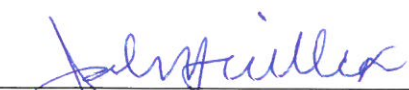
District Manager, Kevin Niles, reviewed the September Financial Report with the Board of Directors... Motion by Director Pesicka to approve the September Financials as presented. Second provided by Director Willcox... All Ayes - The motion passed unanimously.

### **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 3:30 PM. Second provided by Director Willcox... All Ayes - The motion passed unanimously.



John Willcox  
Secretary/Treasurer



Robert Colgrove  
President/ Chairman

