

DONALA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
August 15, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Donala Water and Sanitation District met in regular session at the District's Holbein Water Treatment Facility, 15850 Holbein Drive, El Paso County, Colorado on August 15, 2024, at 1:30 P.M.

Directors Present: Wayne Vanderschuere
Bill George (Absent)
Kevin Deardorff (Via Phone Conference)
Ed Miller (Absent)
Scott McCulloch (Via Phone Conference)

Staff Present: Jeff Hodge
Christina Hawker
Carla Edwards
Ronny Wright

Consultants Present: Roger Sams (GMS)
Brett Gracely (LRE)

Guests: Jackie Burhans (OCN)

President Vanderschuere called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M.

Approval of Agenda:

- Vanderschuere stated we would hold for approval until next months' meeting.

Public Comment Non-Agenda Items:

- No public comments.

Review of Financial Statements and Check Summaries:

- Hodge stated he believes we are on track to meet our water and wastewater revenue goals.
- Vanderschuere rolled over the approval of Financials to next months' Board Meeting.

Review of Minutes:

• Vanderschuere rolled over the approval of the Minutes from July 18, 2024, Regular Board Meeting to next month for approval.

Discussion and possible action to place term limit waiver as a future ballot issue:

- Hodge stated that he would like to ask the Board to put a term limit waiver on a District ballot in the future.
- After a brief discussion, Vanderschuere stated the voting for approval on this action item would be rolled over to September's meeting.
 - No action taken at this time.

General Manager Report by Jeff Hodge:

- Bill George will be attending the Loop Retreat and the SDA.

- Vanderschuere briefly discussed a new Senate bill which gives some relief to some property tax increases. We need more details on the financial implications, which we should have in the coming months.
- Hodge stated Hawker and himself will have a preliminary budget available for the Board at the September meeting.

Water Report by Ronny Wright:

- Well16A is almost complete.
- They are working on the floor coating in the East Baptist tank rehab.
- Materials are showing up for the West Baptist tank rehab.
- New hires will be going through an apprenticeship program. Which helps them with license testing and getting them familiar with both water and wastewater.

Wastewater Report by Jeff Hodge:

- E-Coli levels are 11 MPN, well under the required levels.
- Total effluent sitting around 29.922 million gallons.
- Solids are around 13%, nothing to be alarmed about
- BOD removal was 98.0% and TSS was 99.0%, which is well above the required minimum of 85%.
- Hodge stated that they will be replacing the PLC in October.

Consultants Comments:

- Sams said we are working on quality control with the tank project and keeping close tabs on them.
- Gracely stated that he had two good exchanges with Will Scott the Water Commissioner in the District where Willow Creek is located. He was very cooperative and helpful. He physically went over and looked at our flumes and confirmed what the actual number was, so we didn't have to send operators up to look.
- Gracely said Pueblo Water continues to be a very cooperative entity. Additional language is being added to Donala's lease that will enable us to store water in Clear Creek or Turquoise.
- Gracely will be meeting with AGRA next week to discuss amending our current leases with them for our reusable return flows and Laughlin Water.
- Gracely is also meeting with Kirk Medina at Stratmoor Hills to discuss our Laughlin Water Rights.
- Gracely said the process for ASR sampling takes 2 days. Also, CWCB had to rework our contract, but it is complete now.

Directors Comments:

- Vanderschuere said he will be at Water Congress next week. He also stated he will be absent from the September Board meeting and call in to the October Board Meeting.

Public Comment:

- None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 P.M.

These minutes are respectfully submitted for record by Carla Edwards on September 16, 2024.