

DONALA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
August 16, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Donala Water and Sanitation District met in regular session at the District's office, 15850 Holbein Dr., El Paso County, Colorado on August 16, 2018 at 1:30pm.

Directors Present: Ken Judd
Bob Denny
Ed Houle
Dennis Snyder
Wayne Vanderschuere

Staff Present: Kip Petersen (Absent)
Tanja Smith
Christina Hawker
Mark Parker

Guests: Bill George
Mark Yoder
David Powell
Dan Farmer
Jered Farmer
Jarrett Granich

President Judd called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. All arose for the Pledge of Allegiance. Petersen excused for bereavement leave.

Public Comment Non-Agenda Items:

- Mark Yoder, on behalf of Western Mining Museum offered a thank you for negotiating with them to tie in to Donala's system.
 - Dave Powell would like to support the Mining Museum tie in.
- Jarrett Granich has concerns with project on Jessie Dr. Received little communication prior to project start of what it entails and who it will impact. Did not know the scrub oak behind his home would be removed. He has a landscape project that will be impacted with the current staging of pipes and equipment from the Jessie project. His contractor needs to put items in the easement.
 - Mark Parker explained that we will make a better effort in the future to widen our notifications and will coordinate with the contractor as to not impact Mr. Granich's project.

Review of Minutes:

- Minutes from July 2018 Board Meeting accepted as amended.

Review of Financial Statements and Check Summaries:

- Currently at 42%.
- Chem lab is at 30% due to having to run both plants more often because of lack of moisture.
- Snyder inquired if we expect to see the TAP fees by the end of the year.
 - Several lots have sold and are under contract.
 - Judd has spoken with sales rep. and she has informed him that lots are selling however owners are not building right away.
- Snyder asked about Barrish payment, Houle and Judd mentioned we do have a commitment from him once a certain number of his lots have sold.
- Snyder also asked about miscellaneous revenue. Hawker stated that is the payment due from Academy tie in.
- District Engineer costs have exceeded budgeted amount due to Academy Gateway project.
- Denny questioned payment to Fountain Mutual. Parker explained it is a one-time buy in fee.
- Denny inquired about check #22311. Parker explained that was for a valve insertion.
- Snyder asked about fee for Grainger and why. Hawker and Parker explained we receive cheaper pricing and a District representative.
- Parker requested a motion to accept. Judd motion, Houle second. All aye.
- Waste at 42% as well.
- Hawker explained the billing and payment structure for Donala, Triview and Forest lakes.
- General Fund 2.47% return, Debt Fund 2.41% return and Bond Project Fund 1.77% return.
- Detailed explanation to Board of Waste Plant Operations Budget for Donala, Triview and Forest Lakes.
- Snyder motion to accept, Houle second, all aye.

Manager's Report:

- PPRWA is still on summer vacation and will reconvene in November.
- Early legislative session will be taken up with procedural matters as a new Governor will be elected.
- Rule making hearing for aquifer storage starts on Nov. 26th and should take up to 5 days. Donala Triview and Woodmoor are still under budget with Rick Fendel to represent us at this hearing.
 - We are attempting to support the State Water Plan by creating new water storage opportunities.
 - Dan Farmer stated that the hearing has been delayed. Basins must contain dominion and control, as water quality can be impacted. This process is not simple and will require compromise on both sides.
- Most of El Paso County has moved from severe to moderate drought with the monsoonal rains we have received. However, southwest Colorado has moved into extreme drought.
- There will be an inclusion hearing for the Western Mining Museum at the Sept. 20th Board meeting. If there is no public opposition, and the Board agrees, the next step will be for Rick Fendel to submit this request to the County Court for approval.
- Petersen, Houle and Denny attended the Arkansas Basin Roundtable meeting on Aug. 8th.
 - Flood threat application was presented which forecasts flood threats by severity.
 - USGS presented their tracking of selenium, uranium and salts in the Arkansas River. No solutions yet, as both selenium and uranium are naturally occurring in the bedrock of the river and they continue to leach out into the flowing water.
- There will be a joint work session with Triview on Sept. 26th at 5:30pm.

- Denny requested that the Sept. board meeting include discussing the talking points we want to go over at this workshop.
- Snyder asked Mark Yoder if the Mining Museum has a space to hold this meeting. They do have space for up to 85 people. He will check to see if it is available.
- CSU wild fire team has volunteered to stand by on the Ranch during our Sept. 7th lunch in conjunction with the CSU water tour.
 - Petersen, Roy Heald and possibly Jessie Schaffer will discuss how a regional approach to water service can be accomplished.
 - Parker mentioned that the District has added a water pump for this and future use on the ranch.
- Petersen still working on new commercial rate for larger commercial operations.
 - Continue to work with owner of My Place Hotel in determining why the hotel is using water around the clock. We have provided enough toilet dye tabs to test each toilet.
- We are close to having all necessary paperwork complete for FMIC to begin accounting for the Laughlin Water at their Spring Creek Aug Station.
 - Denny asked about a tour of the Laughlin Ditch. Parker explained there really is nothing to see. There is no actual ditch. The water is flowing through Fountain Creek. Vanderschuere mentioned we could probably set up a tour with Curtis Medina. All agreed that a tour to see where this right is and the potential future storage in the gravel pit is located would be beneficial.

Willow Creek Ranch:

- We are in the last month of our water season on Willow Creek Ranch. Our decree requires us to stop taking credit for the water at the end of August.
 - We have been called out for the last several weeks, as the result of senior water rights being in priority. The only other time we have been called out was in 2012.
 - Our decree is based upon historical consumptive use, therefore August requires us to account for less water as this month years prior, the hay was being cut and not irrigated.
- Conditions on ranch have improved with recent rains. Lake County has lifted the burn ban.
- During work week the end of July, staff repaired the entry arch, installed several low head dams, expanded N. Willow Creek flume, removed several beaver dams and conducted a great deal of fire mitigation. As a side note, we do offer some of the wood we cut to our Leadville neighbors.
- No updates on our 1041 request with Pueblo. During a phone conversation with Joan Armstrong 3 weeks ago, she stated they have had a staff meeting to discuss our application and indicated a memo was being drafted for us by others.
- We will complete the “if and when” contract for 2019, however it will only be implemented if we do not receive our long-term contract, therefore we will not lose out on storage for 2019 should the long-term contract not be completed in time.

Status of Operations:

- Both plants are operational and being supplemented in deliveries with our Willow Creek Ranch water.
- We believe we have isolated our comm issues to the Jessie booster station and are working to resolve them.
 - Parker mentioned the fix was completed on Tuesday and we have not had a single comm failure since then.

- Demands have declined with the increased moisture and cooler temperatures we've had.
 - Vanderschuere mentioned how little the water loss is within the District.
- UMCRRWWTF is operating within established standards.
 - Operations Committee will be opening bids on the screen installation and catwalk construction next week and will select a contractor on the 22nd of August.
 - Petersen hopes to have contractors on site by mid-September and the project completed in November.
 - August 22nd meeting will also include a discussion of potential options to delay implementation of arsenic compliance measures.
- Work began on 12" water main replacement on Gleneagle Dr. on Aug. 13th. Project expected to take 120 days to complete.
- Tap replacements on Desert Inn are almost complete.
 - While excavating out for the replacement of the saddle tap, one actually blew once the dirt was removed. The steel bands had corroded to the point that the only thing preventing a major blow out was the pressure of the soil pressing against the saddle.
 - Project should be complete by Aug. 24th.
- Bore job continues between R. Hull and Jessie Booster Station. They have experienced some equipment failure and are only about 2 weeks behind schedule.
- Weekly updates on these projects are provided on our website.
- As a result of the bonding company that refused to provide a performance bond for the low bidder on the Gleneagle Dr. water main replacement, we did call out their bid bond. We have received a check for \$75,958.48 for our troubles. They have also requested that we sign a release, assignment and settlement agreement that Rick Fendel will review before we sign it and cash the check.

Development Update:

- No new projects as of now.
- 7-11 is under construction and slated to be complete in the next 60 days.

Additional Comments:

- Mark Yoder reiterated if anyone is looking for a meeting place they do have a room that can hold 85 people

With no further comments, the Board adjourned at 2:52pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted for record by Tanja Smith on August 16, 2018.