

DONALA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2021

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 19, 2021 at 1:30pm.

Directors Present: Ed Houle
Wayne Vanderschuere
Kevin Deardorff
Bill George
Ed Miller

Staff Present: Jeff Hodge
Christina Hawker
Tanja Smith
Mike Boyett

Consultants Present: Brett Gracely

Guests: Jackie Burhans (OCN)

President Houle called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Approval of Agenda:

- Approved.

Public Comment Non-Agenda Items:

- None.

Review of Minutes:

- Minutes from July 2021 Board Meeting accepted
 - Deardorff motioned to approve, George second, all aye.

Review of Financial Statements and Check Summaries:

- Donala revenue at 31.11% and expenses at 54.51%.
- Waste Plant revenue at 52.22% and expenses at 50.96%.
- General Fund return is 0.10%.
 - George motion to accept, Vanderschuere second, all aye.

LRE Well Study:

• Study under way. Water operators, LRE consultants, Timberline and Hodge met on August 11th to review the condition, operation and testing of the wells. We will be undertaking water quality testing of each individual well. Timberline will also be adding upgrades to the system to capture additional information from each of the wells. Staff will be reaching out to vendors to install depth sounding devices in each well so that we can better assess the static and

pumping levels of each well. All of this information will provide us with needed information to use for planning of rehabilitation, replacement or other needs. We will also use this information to factor in how the wells will be utilized as we transition to renewable surface water in the future

Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority (CSU Loop):

- The participants met August 13th and reviewed the current work and narrowed options down using the agreed upon criteria. The consultants will continue to look and analyze the remaining ways of diverting water out of Fountain Creek, storing and conveying that water to the CSU Southern Delivery system then to the Bailey Water Treatment Plant.

County Loop:

- The presentation that the Donala Board has seen previously was presented to the El Paso County Commissioners August 10th. It was well received. The study for this project has been let. Completion of the study is planned from Dec. 2021.

Northern Water Delivery Line:

- Nothing new to report.

North Monument Creek Interceptor (NMCI):

- Quarterly update was held August 4th. Environmental Assessment draft will be available for 30-day public comment period: Q4. Current costs are estimated at \$46,632,992. Material costs will be re-visited in early 2022 as supply chains and availability should have eased. Proposed fees include a one time connection charge and commodity charge. Proposed treatment charges for Jan. 2022 are \$0.0312 per Cf, a 6.5% increase from the current charge. The Design phase will be next, which will occur after the return flow issues have been addressed.

Status of Long-Term Water Supply Contract with CSU:

- A draft of the new CSU rates have been released. Convey, treat and deliver has been reduced from \$0.0814/cf to \$0.0553/cf. This equates to \$7.39 per 1000 gallons. We will also be charged an Availability Fee of \$1,244,037 per year for an 8-inch meter for 25 years. Donala has already paid some fees and will ask that those be applied. We will have additional meetings with CSU to gain a clear understanding of the new rates and their affect on Donala's overall cost of services.
 - Houle requested we revisit the costs for the Loop vs. CSU connection at the September meeting.

Board Workshop April 15th:

- Nothing new to report.

Status of Operations:

- Water Report:
 - District consumed 37.489 million gallons in July.
 - 26.67 from our wells and 10.819 from Willow Creek Ranch delivered by CSU.
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant received 11.876 million gallons of water as influent, the remaining amount, 25.613 MG, or 68% was used for outside watering.
 - SCADA which runs our CSU connection failed. Upgrades to the system were made. Timberline relocated the equipment to an above ground panel and upgraded to new equipment.
 - Since mid-June, 1101 water meters and/or transmitters have been installed.
 - Radionucleide letter to customers. We have already started putting processes in place to address treatment for removal of Radium from the well water.

- Wastewater Report:
 - UMCRRWTF continues to produce a good quality effluent that exceeds all State discharge permit standards
 - Preparing 2022 budget. Suppliers have informed us that chemicals will increase 5 -10%. Major purchases include impellers for influent pumps, one BOD incubator, PLC work by our SCADA contractor, new UV bulbs for our disinfection process, EQ basin pump maintenance, and various maintenance items for plant vehicles.
 - BOD removal rate is 98%
 - Started testing biosolids to meet requirements of Rule 20 of CDPHE's Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division.
 - Amy Azevedo has contracted with Clean Management Environmental Group, a hazardous waste disposal company, to remove outdated and dangerous chemicals in our lab.
 - Having problems with tractor trailers parking in front of the gate from Pilot. Mike has spoken with Monument Police to monitor. A smoke alarm went off last night at 1am and Trevor couldn't get into the plant because multiple trucks had our access blocked.

Additional Comments:

- None.

There being no further business of the Board, President Houle adjourned to executive session at 2:29 pm. Hodge announced C.R.S. § 24-6-402(f)(a) – discussion on water rights. Reconvened in open session 3:25 p.m. no reportable action was taken.

Meeting adjourned 3:26 p.m.

These minutes are respectfully submitted for record by Tanja Smith on August 19, 2021.