

DONALA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 20, 2022

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 January 20, 2022 at 1:30pm.

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

Staff Present: Jeff Hodge  
Christina Hawker  
Tanja Smith (Absent)  
Aaron Tolman

Consultants Present: Roger Sams (GMS)

Guests: Jackie Burhans (OCN)  
James Howald (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 December 2021 Board Meeting accepted
  - Deardorff motioned to approve, George second, all aye.

Review of Financial Statements and Check Summaries:

- Donala revenue finished at 1.5% over budget. The expenditures came in 20% under budget. Donala did not implement all the planned capital so total expenditures and capital came in under budget at 42%.
- Waste Plant revenue will finish out around 17% under budget.
- General Fund return is 0.29%.
  - George motion to accept, Vanderschuere second, all aye.

Action Items:

- Meeting schedule and Posting Locations for 2022 adopted by board. Hodge pointed out that the September meeting has been move to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday to be able to attend the SDA conference, and the October meeting has been moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday to discuss the preliminary budget.
- Resolution 2022-1 – Resolution by the Donala Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors expressing

appreciation to the entire Donala staff for exceptional performance during 2021.

- George motioned to approve, Kevin Second, all aye.

Radium Removal: Bench testing will be done when the Holbein upgrades are complete, and we finish our well studies. We want to test and clean each operating well to see if we are getting more radium from one particular well. We are hoping with the new filter media in place and the rehabilitation to all of the wells, it will help drop the radium levels before putting anything else in place. The sample requirement at the Holbein Treatment Plant is currently suspended due to the plant being offline. We plan to have the plant back on in mid-April.

Holbein Upgrades: The filter media and clarifier beads have been removed because it was beyond its useful life. Hodge believes it hasn't been changed since it was first put in place. We have the sand blasting and repainting of three filters out to bid with a completion date scheduled at the end of February. The Scada system, electrical, and internal piping will be upgraded as well. After completion the district should get another 15-25 years of operation from that plant.

Wells 2A and 2D: Both wells have been cleaned and inspected. Well 2D will need to be capped with cement at the bottom. They will both get new pumps and motors installed as well as coating the pipes with epoxy. New sound equipment will be installed to read water levels. They should be back online in February and should have a 10–15-year life cycle.

Well 3D: This well was sucking air to the point where we couldn't get a sample. It will be cleaned, and the rehabilitation process will start in February. 3D is important because it is co-located with 3A that is out of business. We are now planning on drilling a new well 16A. The board authorizes Hodge to sign for the bids for 16A. The board will have a chance to see what the bids look like before deciding on whether they want to move forward. The bids will be discussed at the February meeting.

Wells 8A and 12A: Both wells are out of the hole right now and should be videoed next week. These wells feed into the Holbein plant and are big producers. Layne Christensen will perform the work on these, and we are hoping to have them rehabilitated by May.

- Vanderschuere commented that if we are blending the tanks but testing at the clear well, it won't show the blended results. He thinks getting another point of testing is an important option to pursue because it's not giving our customers a clear report of what they are getting.

Well Status Overall Update: The five wells that are being rehabilitated will have the ability to produce 1,951,200 gallons per day. This will allow the district to meet the peak summer demands of water. We will also have our Willow Creek/CSU water and one additional well to use as needed.

CSU to Gleneagle Water Line: GMS has been looking into the cost and feasibility of a new water line from our CSU connection to Gleneagle Drive to a more direct delivery line to the Latrobe tank. Sams has also been talking to CSU about our long-term rate with them. CSU has segregated a system usage fee, but we will get credit for all the dollars paid to date on that. Sams should have an answer from them before the next board meeting. Hodge is concerned that if we continue with CSU there will be more costs in the future.

Permitting and Drilling New Well: The Bid package will be distributed Friday, January 21, 2022, for drilling on the new well 16A. Board will discuss the bids in the February meeting.

Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority (CSU LOOP): There are two clear points of diversions with one flowing into the Big Johnson/FMIC and the other flowing into the Calhan Reservoir. CSU brought up their thought that water quality data from Fountain Creek would be needed now. This will drive what the cost of pre-treatment would be before the water could be delivered into the Southern Delivery System to the Baily Water Treatment Plant.

County Loop: The Loop Group has had a bunch of meetings recently discussing the project. Woodmoor and Monument both have new construction that will go over the Palmer Divide, and Cherokee is going to service Flying Horse North which is also over the Palmer divide. CSU is not able to deliver water over the Palmer Divide, so these northern entities will have to find another source for a northern delivery system. Monument is holding a meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss how to spend the bond money they received. The Loop Group would like to go public on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and are looking to form an authority to help get ARPA funds for the project.

Northern Water Delivery Line: Nothing new to report.

Northern Monument Creek Interceptor (NMCI): This project does not move forward until all parties agree to funding and the design. We do also have to wait on the NEPA finalization which could impact moving forward.

Wastewater Report: Tolman says that the treatment process is running well.

- There is a little Foam, but it is not taking over. Water temperatures lowering makes it become more of a problem, but it is manageable right now.
- The water quality specialist is running the extra BOD testing requested by John McGinn.
- They purchased a new turbidity unit.
- The north digester diffusers need repaired. That will hopefully help with energy costs.

Public Comment:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 3:08 pm to Executive Session – CRS §24-6-402(4)(a) Real Property Negotiations and CRS §24-6-402(4)(b) Legal Advice regarding Case No. 2021CW3044 & 2021CW3058. Deardorff motion to move, Vanderschuere second, all aye.

Meeting adjourned out of executive session with no reportable action taken.

These minutes are respectfully submitted for record by Christina Hawker on January 28, 2022.