

COLTON WATER DISTRICT  
MEETING OF THE BOARD  
May 16, 2023

\*The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

\*Board Members Present: Ken Carroll, Carl Stephens, Alan Gross, Colin Wait and Teresa Bricker.

\*Others present: Jan Kaforski, Pete Dostert, Betty Hodges and Cody Seelye.

Colin Wait made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2023 board meeting. Carl Stephens seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

**\*Financial report:** Betty Hodges presented the financial report – The final transfer for the year was made to the capital improvement fund in the amount of \$21,084.00, along with the per account fee in the amount of \$2946.

Ken Carroll asked if we have talked to the bank regarding bank holdings over \$250,000. Betty said she talked to Paul at Umpqua Bank and he needed to look into it and would get back with information. Cody Seelye asked what we were referring to because he worked for Umpqua Bank in the past. Colin Wait said the only information we had so far was that our auditor told us we should be protected because we are a small district. Ken said he would think that some kind of paperwork would need to be drawn up for this. Cody said yes, he believes that to be true. Ken also asked if that money would need to be transferred to a different bank and how much is the limit. Cody said during covid they changed the amount to \$500,000 from \$250,000, but thinks it may have been changed back. Colin also clarified yes it would need to be in a different banking institution. Ken said we need to see if being a municipality makes a difference. Betty said she will follow up with Paul on those questions.

Ken Carroll asked Pete Dostert what was bought from H.D. Fowler and Pete said meters.

Ken Carroll asked what the check for \$65 to Jordan Ramis was for and Betty said it was for a phone call to Bob Long @ CWRE regarding permit S-44505. Teresa Bricker made a motion to pay the check to Jordin Ramis and Carl Stephens seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Carl Stephens asked if we received payment for the road push yet. Pete Dostert said we had not, and he will try to get an address to send the bill too.

Ken Carroll said the next check is for \$29,967.21 to Correct Equipment for pressure reducers. Carl Stephens made a motion to pay and Teresa Bricker seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Carl Stephens made a motion to approve the financial report and Colin seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**\*Superintendent's Report:** Pete Dostert said the pressure reducing stations were installed and functioning with minimal issues. The next two installations will be about \$42,000, but that includes labor. If we contract ourselves, it could be less.

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Pete Dostert said that Steve Silva from WHA Insurance came out on May 11<sup>th</sup> and met with him, Alan Gross and Betty Hodges to see the plant and Van road tank. Jan asked Alan if he contacted Steve Silva. Alan said he saw him at the annual meeting and Steve asked if we were up to date on coverage. Alan said we had a motion at a board meeting some time ago to add a few buildings last year. Steve said he likes to come out every 3-5 years and would like to come out. Pete explained that Steve had a couple buildings confused on what they were for, so that was straightened out. Steve also asked about our fencing at both sites and did not think they were covered. Betty stated that he had sent an email confirming the fence was not covered and the annual cost to cover the fencing at the treatment plant would be \$60 with an estimated value of \$35,000, and the fencing at the Van road site would be \$35 annually, with an estimate of \$16,000. Ken Carroll asked if anything can reach the fence and Pete assured him yes, trees.

Carl Stephens asked how the water connection for fire at the road by the treatment plant is progressing. Pete said he is working on it. Carl asked if he needs some hired help, and mentioned hiring summer help. Pete said he would get ahold of the college for any students looking for work.

**\*Old Business:**

Ken Carrol asked about the Memorandum of Understanding with Colton Rural Fire Protection District #70. Betty Hodges said Colton Fire District signed it at their last board meeting.

Colton Fire District has agreed to pay half of the cost of the flyer prepared by Kristy More and Ryan Quigley on the Water Infrastructure for Firefighting. Alan said that we are still waiting for the Ferguson group to set a date for a zoom call with Lori Chavez-Deremer's office. They are also planning on setting up a joint call with us to talk about our plan for the water treatment plant and also set up a separate conversation with Colton Fire District.

Review of water rights information: Bob Long of CwHM-H2O, scheduled a video meeting with Alan Gross and Betty Hodges on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am and also a site visit on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am, to visit the treatment plant and also the Canyon creek dam site. Discussion followed about whether the video call was necessary or not to determine what exactly is needed. Alan said that there is missing paperwork, Teresa Bricker agreed to attend the video meeting as well.

Ken Carroll asked to set a date to tour the plant. Inviting Geri Fraijo and Cindy Fama to recognize ColtonTel for the generator donation. The date was tentatively set to meet at the water plant on July 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 6:00 p.m., to tour the plant then come back to continue the regular board meeting.

Betty Hodges informed the board that the website had been updated per Teresa Bicker's request. Also, told the board that Ryan Quigley Structural Engineer is scheduled for a site visit on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Ken said he would like to attend.

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**\*New Business:** Nothing to report

**\*Public comment:** Cody Seelye asked if the pipe that runs along the highway by his house is made of asbestos. Pete determined yes, it is concrete asbestos and there is less than 3 miles left of it to be replaced. It is planned to be finished it in the future.

**\*Added Agenda:**

\*The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.