

DONALA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Donala Water and Sanitation District met in regular session at the District's water treatment facility, 15850 Holbein Drive, El Paso County, Colorado on March 21, 2024 at 1:30 pm.

Directors Present: Wayne Vanderschuere
Bill George
Kevin Deardorff
Ed Miller
Scott McCulloch

Staff Present: Jeff Hodge
Christina Hawker
Aaron Tolman
Ashley Uhrin

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

Guests: James Howald (OCN)
Jackie Burhans (OCN)
Ken Judd
Commissioner Holly Williams

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

Approval of Agenda:

- No changes to the agenda.

Public Comment Non-Agenda Items:

- No public comment.

General Manager Report by Jeff Hodge:

- Lead service line report that is due October 2024 has been completed.
- Donala does not have any PFAS in our water based on the most recent sample. We will continue to test for PFAS per government protocol.
- HMO is online for the Holbein plant. Positive results are being seen in the radium levels in the water.
- We received the award for Aquaphor Storage Recovery
- We are waiting on the electrical panel for well 16A to come in
- Tank rehab is still on track.
- Hodge and other partners gave a presentation on Aquaphor Storage Recovery at the conference for the Colorado Rural Water Association, it was very well received.

Presentation by Commissioner Holly Williams

- Commissioner Williams discussed the 300-year water rule and the difference between "paper water" and actual water in the ground.

- Stated that Douglas County recently did a study on the Denver Basin. Also stated that a study hadn't been done since the late 1980s with the exception of some USGS data and she would like to see a study completed so we know exactly how much water is truly in the ground.
 - Want to avoid building homes in an area where water may not be present in the near future. A study would allow her and future commissioners to make educated decisions on future development.
- Study being completed by Bruce Lytle
- This study will require that Donala provide the data we have so they can be as accurate as possible.
- There are several goals of the study including to identify the top and bottom of the aquapor on each water level hydrograph, assess the water level data base from existing wells, evaluate geospatial data to assess potential limitations on use of the Denver Basin by location, evaluate potential water use variation on limitations vertically from aquapor to aquapor, and to do a final report to discuss our current water supply regulations and any proposed revisions to this.
 - There is no timeframe on when this study will be completed, but it will be extensive.
- This was discussed with the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority in early March.
- There is a lot of growth in the Colorado Springs and surrounding areas, therefore this study will help determine how much water is truly there and how much development we can sustain.

Five-minute recess to dismiss Commissioner Williams from the meeting (1:54pm – 1:59pm)

Review of Minutes:

- Minutes from February 15, 2024 Regular Board Meeting accepted.
 - George motioned to approve, Deardorff seconds, all aye.

Review of Financial Statements and Check Summaries:

- Hodge stated that it's still winter so usage is low and income is lower, but hopeful that the summer will bring additional revenue. No expenses to specifically mention.
- Audit is done and will be presented at the May or June meeting.
 - Preliminary findings were good.
- Approval of Financials
 - George motioned to approve, Miller seconds, all aye.

Water Report by Jeff Hodge:

- Hodge presented on behalf of Ronny Wright as he was fulfilling his duties on another board.
- Presentations given at the Colorado Rural Water Association were well received.
 - Ross Robinson (Donala employee) will most likely give presentation to the Board in May
- Hodge thanked the board for having open two-way communication regarding operations.
- The east tank rehab will begin around April 22
- Electrical panel for well 16A needs to be completed and then we can begin sampling. Anticipated start date to use the well is mid-summer.
- Most employees have gone through confined space and trenching and shoring training.
 - Additional training for wastewater will be taking place next week.
- Had a meeting with CSU regarding leasing the Bailey plant and they are providing numbers to us to show how much it would cost to utilize their plant
 - Hodge stated it still may be a better idea to avoid using CSU facilities.
 - Vanderschuere voiced concerned about outside entities getting involved if we use CSU.
- All employees have completed cybersecurity training.
- An outside organization is going to come and look at the security of the SCADA systems to ensure we are protected from cyberattacks, ransomware, etc.
- Arkansas River Water Shed - Through the Arkansas Round Table, we send the guys up there sometimes?? What??
 - Tree clearing and thinning taking place
 - We are doing this to ensure the water sheds and flumes located in these areas are protected and we don't loses those assets.

Wastewater Report by Aaron Tolman:

- Everything is going well at the wastewater plant.
- E-coli results are well within limits.
- Basin crack repair is done, waiting on parts to complete the total project.
- New flow meter installed at flume by TDMA
- Tri-View requested that their influent flume be re-calibrated. The meter was reading a little high, but waiting on results from Timberline for exact numbers.
- Covid sampling and testing has been set up with CDPHE so we can begin testing if another outbreak were to happen.
 - Vanderschuere asked if we are to start testing for fentanyl? Tolman stated he has not heard anything on testing for that.
- Vanderschuere asked if there were any issues regarding the winter storm we had, Tolman stated they were able to respond to the small power outage and ensure the plant continued to run. There were no issues with trucks blocking access to the plant during the storm.
- Two operators will be testing for their D certification on the 29th

Consultants Comments:

- Sams stated there is no reason the tank rehab should not continue as planned.
 - Additional safety apparatus will be installed.
 - East tank should be done by Memorial Day, West tank by Labor Day and Latrobe tank in September and October.
- Sams stated that the manufacturer for the electrical panel for well 16A will be coming Monday to test it so we are more comfortable in accepting the panel. Installation will continue should no issues be found.
- Gracely stated that we did receive the award for the ASR project for \$290,000.
 - Next steps, timeline and how to allocate the funds will be discussed next week.
- Gracely is meeting with other LRE associates in April to coordinate all Willow Creek planning for the coming year as we move into the run-off phase.

Directors Comments:

- Deardorff attended a town hall meeting with the two local fire districts. He stated that any changes they may make will not affect Donala, they are all internal to the fire districts.
- Vanderschuere attended the Mountain View Electric Association board meeting and said they are planning to do some fire mitigation along Roller Coaster.

Public Comment:

- Howald asked how close we are to build out. Hodge and Vanderschuere stated we are almost at build out, estimated it to be at about 98%.

Meeting adjourned at 2:51pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted for record by Ashley Uhrin on April 12, 2024.