

DONALA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2023

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 November 16, 2023 at 1:30 pm.

Directors Present: Wayne Vanderschuere
William George
Kevin Deardorff
Ed Miller
Scott McCulloch (Absent)

Staff Present: Jeff Hodge
Christina Hawker
Ronny Wright
Aaron Tolman
Carla Edwards

Consultants Present: Roger Sams (GMS)

Guests: James Howald (OCN)

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

Approval of Agenda:

- No changes to the agenda.

Public Comment Non-Agenda Items:

- None

Review of Minutes:

- Minutes from October 12, 2023, Board Meeting accepted.
 - George motioned to approve, Deardorff second, all aye.

Review of Financial Statements and Check Summaries:

- Hodge stated we are currently around 400k under budget in overall water revenue.
- We have spent 250k on the Loop out of a budget of 1 million. We will not be spending anymore toward the Loop this year per Hodge and the Loop anticipates refunding Donala 100k.
- Approval of Financials
 - George motioned to approve, Miller seconds, all aye.

General Manager's Report by Jeff Hodge:

- Hodge attended the Northern Water Fall Symposium; they provide a lot of good programs including NISP (Northern Integrated Supply Project).

- Hodge also attended the Arkansas Roundtable meeting. Tried to get a letter of support from them for the Colorado Springs grant application to support reuse. Also, discussed how to get a letter of support for Aquifer storage and recovery.
- Looking at potentially treating all water at the Holbein plant instead of rehabbing the R. Hull plant and discussing different options to see if this makes more financial sense.
- ARPA requires Donala to carry a higher insurance limit than the SDA pools offer, therefore we could not use them.

Water Report by Ronny Wright:

- A few motor starters needed to be replaced at the R. Hull plant due to a communication failure. New parts were ordered, and everything is now fixed.
- MIDCO inspected the tanks in preparation for the rehab project next year. They found some problems at the West tank including a compressor issue, so they had to stop early. Also, they noted debris on the bottom from the ceiling of the tank (rust). Latrobe tank is the oldest tank, so it has some issues that need to be addressed as well. Should have a report back from MIDCO including an assessment of all the tanks soon.
- HMO study is in progress but will finish later tonight. It is the conclusion of the third and final phase of the study. All the samples will go to the lab afterward and hopefully all the results will be back before the end of the year. After we get the results back Merrick will create a report that we can then file with the State. We could hear back from the State as early as April 2024.

Wastewater Report by Aaron Tolman:

- SBR #3 basin repairs are complete and have been put online for service.
- SBR #2 basin has been drained and taken offline. The motive pump was pulled apart, wear seal removed, and a wear seal installed inside the pump volute. A new impeller will be installed as well as a double mechanical seal.
- Professional Restoration and Repair have resumed crack repair on SBR #2 and exterior walls.
- LI Hg samples came back non-detect.

Consultants Comments:

- Sams stated we have all the completed contract documents back from the contractor who will be completing the tank coating project.
- Sams discussed other upcoming projects such as fencing protection on top on the tanks as a safety precaution (this will also include modifying some of the vents) and enhancing circulation in the tanks.
- Also, Sams stated Well 16A flow control vault is completed.

Directors Comments:

- Vanderschuere reminded everyone the Board Meeting in December is on the seventh of the month at our regularly scheduled time.
- George asked if the Board Room was looped for the hearing impaired. Hodge stated it is not, but we have been looking into options. George offered to give Hodge the information from his contact who may be able to help provide us with details to get the Board Room set up. Hodge said to send him the information.

Public Comment:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 2:39 pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted for record by Carla Edwards on November 29, 2023.