

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

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 February 16, 2023 at 1:30pm.

Directors Present: Wayne Vanderschuere  
Bill George (Excused Absence)  
Kevin Deardorff  
Ed Miller  
Ken Judd

Staff Present: Jeff Hodge  
Christina Hawker  
Mike Boyett  
Ronny Wright

Consultants Present: Roger Sams (GMS)  
Brett Gracely (LRE)  
Linda Glesne (CEGR)

Guests: James Howald (OCN)

President Vanderschuere called the meeting to order at 1:29 pm.

Approval of Agenda:

- No changes to the agenda.

Public Comment Non-Agenda Items:

- None

Review of Minutes:

- Minutes from January 19, 2023 Board Meeting accepted.
  - Judd motioned to approve, Deardorff second, all aye.

Review of Financial Statements and Check Summaries:

- There was a fire at a main facility that produces potassium permanganate, so there is a good chance of major prices increases to that chemical.
- Vanderschuere requests that staff go through inventory and make sure we have backups in case of any emergency.
- Approval of Financials
  - Judd motioned to approve, Miller second, all aye.

#### Martin Marietta Water Lease Extension:

- Needs to have board approval for extension each year to make sure we have enough water for the effluent lease.
- Hodge says we have an adequate amount of water to lease to them through March 31, 2024.
- Judd motioned to approve, Miller second, all aye.

#### Consider Awarding Bid for Well 16A:

- We received only one bid from K.R. Swerdfeger.
- K.R. Swerdfeger has done projects for us in the past, has been around a long time, and are excellent to work with.
- Vanderschuere requests that we reach out to affected residents as soon as possible if we are looking at a March start date.
- Miller motioned to approve, Judd second, all aye.

#### General Manager's Report:

The Loop Water Authority: First official meeting of the Loop Water Authority was held January 19<sup>th</sup>. Weekly workshops will continue to be held to get water quality testing, project management, and various other professional needs in order.

Colorado Water Congress: Hodge attended the annual conference January 24-27 in Aurora, Colorado. There was an informative three-hour session on PFAS, and other topics included demographics of the state, climate, and storage.

Radiation Training: Hodge and Troy Vialpando received the required training that enables them to enter the Arsenic removal building alone. It was very educational and useful regarding the minimal amounts of exposure they may receive.

RMWEA Water Innovation Seminar: Symposium was held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> in Denver, Colorado. It had great topics on SCADA, battery storage, and other innovative things some of the regional facilities have undertaken.

Tri-Lakes and Monument Sanitation Feasibility Study: Merrick is about 30% into this study. They have made preliminary contact with Monument Sanitation District and made a draft of a pump station and force main alignment.

Arkansas Water Forum: The forum will be held April 24-26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

April Board Workshop: The workshop will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 10:00 am. Topics to be discussed are updating district rules, regulations, and policies, the Loop, local reuse, and wastewater treatment.

#### Wastewater Report by Mike Boyett:

- In-house testing results were all within permit limits for the past month.
- Swapped SBRs to put #1 and #2 online. Once the pump was pulled for seal replacement, they discovered the pump's impellor was cracked. They are currently waiting on parts.
- Corolla study is questioning the structural integrity of the top of the SBR #2.
- Terri had mentioned the crack in the SBRs in 2019, and it was brought to the committee's attention. May 2020 was the last communication of the crack.

#### Consultants Comments:

- Struthers Ranch development is for a commercial Polaris building. They are in the process of approval, but they have a long way to go.
- LIRF update is in progress and is due in December.

Directors Comments:

- Vanderschuere says we will schedule a board meeting in May or June over at the waste plant to walk around the plant and visit with employees.

Public Comment:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm to Executive Session – CRS §24-6-402(4)(e) Contract Negotiation for Long Term Water Contract with CSU and CRS §24-6-402(4)(b) Advice from Donala’s General Counsel on legal questions regarding UMCWTF contract. Judd motion to move, Miller second, all aye.

These minutes are respectfully submitted for record by Christina Hawker on February 27, 2023.