

DONALA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
February 15, 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 February 15, 2024 at 1:30 pm.

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

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

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

Guests: James Howald (OCN)
Jackie Burhans (OCN)

President Vanderschuere called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

Approval of Agenda:

- No changes to the agenda.

Public Comment Non-Agenda Items:

- No public comment.

Review of Minutes:

- Minutes from January 9, 2024, Special Meeting and January 18, 2024, Regular Meeting, Board Meeting accepted.
 - George motioned to approve, Miller seconds, all aye.

Review of Financial Statements and Check Summaries:

- Hodge says income and expenses are both on track for the year.
- Approval of Financials
 - George motioned to approve, Miller seconds, all aye.

Martin Marietta Water Lease:

- Approval of a continued effluent lease with Martin Marietta.
 - George motioned to approve, Miller second, all aye.

General Manager Report by Jeff Hodge:

- Request by Forest Lakes to Connect Parcel to Donala Sewer Line
 - Forest Lakes would like to tie into our 24" line that runs through their proposed development to provide sewer to a parcel of land which is not in our district.

- Has a meeting scheduled with Ann Nichols, District Manager of Forest Lakes, and the developer of the proposed parcel development on February 27th or 28th. This meeting would be an ideal time to pose any questions the Board may have about this parcel being connected to our sewer line.
- CSU has been holding reuse meetings. One of the engineers mentioned at a meeting that they are only running 5 million gallons through the Bailey plant. There might be a way that we could utilize SDS and the Bailey plant to convey water from the Chilcott up to Bailey. Using the Bailey plant and existing pipeline would cut the project in half.
- There was a meeting on February 6th to discuss the formation of the Loop Authority at Penrose House. Members of CSU were in attendance and were also discussing reuse.
- LRE's hydrology report revealed that we can use upwards of almost 900-acre ft. Due to the financial commitments we would be making, we have only asked for 500-acre ft. We have adequate water available in Fountain Creek to divert if necessary.
- There is a meeting scheduled with the County and Senior Management at CSU with the Loop General Managers during the first week of March.
- On March 20th, there will be a meeting with Merrick at the Colorado Rural Water Association and a presentation on ASR. Merrick will also be giving a presentation on Radium.
- We were approved for the Grant on ASR 2nd stage. By the April Workshop Board Meeting we should have the award money.
- Hawker and I met with Mountain View Electric to discuss getting an energy audit scheduled to save money/fees.

Water Report by Ronny Wright:

- Tank rehab will be starting at the latest, by May 1st.
- El Paso County will be doing some overlay work starting in April. Work will take place on Westchester Drive, Gleneagle Drive, and Stuthers Road.
- El Paso County will have a second phase for a drainage project on Northgate and Struthers that will run from the front of Ridgpointe Apartments to Northgate, then west toward the Airforce Academy. This project is supposed to start in August and last for approximately 6 months. Will be speaking with the Project Manager to see what Donala will need to do in connection with the project.
- On February 16th, Sun Valley will be coming to do electrical and trenches for 16A. We have most of the parts and pieces, just waiting on a transformer from Mountain View Electric.
- Wachs unit will be coming in for demonstration on March 12th so we can see if it's functionality and tools can accommodate everything we need.

Wastewater Report by Aaron Tolman:

- Staff completed Disinfection Equalization Basin drain and clean operations.
- Sequence Batch Reactor crack repair is now completed by Professional Restoration and Repair. One final inspection will still be completed internally.
- Operations will also be dewatering the gravity thickener to take measurements for scraper support repair.
- Repairs continue to progress in the digester South return activated sludge pump disconnect switch.
- Operators have been completing training at the Pueblo Colorado Rural Water Association Building. More training to continue.
- Will continue to go over the Evacuation Plan for the plant.
- Meeting with CDHPE to discuss how the sampling process works for COVID.

Consultants Comments:

- Gracely stated, he believes when our grant was being reviewed for the ASR project, we may only be awarded half of the money requested based on the scope of work. We will have to reapply for the other half in July due to the large number of other grant requests. He thinks it's a possibility that when they looked at our grant application, they realized we would not complete all the work in the first 6 months, and they are trying to make sure the grant money can benefit as many people as possible.

- Gracely also said his focus for Donala has been working with Steve Ravel at Merrick, integrating the capital projects improvement plan that he been working on with the integrated water resource plan and providing any necessary updates.
- Sams stated that in May the Water Quality Control Commission is having a rule making hearing where they will be entertaining increases in the annual public drinking water fees that they charge. In 2025, they will be revisiting this again.

Directors Comments:

- Vanderschuere stated the OCN reported Triview increased their tier one water rates 10% and Black Hills Energy increased their base rate for natural gas 12.6%.
- Vanderschuere also stated that he and Hodge attended Water Congress and had a meeting with Becky Mitchell.

Public Comment:

- Howald thanked Hawker for answering questions for him at the end of the month.

Meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted for record by Carla Edwards on March 13, 2024.