

Somerset Domestic Waterworks District

November 4th, 2024 SDWD Meeting

Call to order at 7:04 PM

In attendance: Debbie Pennington, Rebecca Drennan, Jacquie Hill, Tigran Bailey, Ilaria Morris, Nick Mounier.

Previous meeting minutes from October 1st are approved.

Acquisition of the Park - Gunnison Co Offer

Discussion on Gunnison County signing over title to the park to Somerset Domestic Water District. Considerations on whether or not it is overall beneficial to take over the park are discussed.

The board weighed the managing responsibilities and costs involved. Concerns about the implication of a metro district are raised, however the board is clear that we would not become a metro for taking on the park. Benefits discussed are the increased asset value for the district, ability to apply for parks and recreation grants, and control over park management and events.

Motion to move forward with negotiations with Gunnison County regarding the park passes unanimously.

Modifications to the SDWD Service Plan

Proposal for community cleanup funding added to the service plan.

Enforcement of cleanup regulations and the concerns about community conflict over enforcement are discussed. Vehicle towing and cleanup responsibilities to maintain clear water lines and alleyways. There is clarification on authority to remove vehicles blocking water lines only if access to lines is needed. Motion to adapt cleaning efforts to the service plan passes unanimously.

It is proposed to change the name of the district if the park is undertaken, as the district would no longer be only servicing water. There are suggestions for more reflective names of the town's character. It is decided to receive community input on a new name.

Grant Writer

Motion to move forward with Stephanie Parker to work on getting DOLA grants passes unanimously.

Brown's Hill SCADA updates

Brown's Hill completed the raw water tank programming.

Staff hourly rate increase to \$20/hr.

The staff rate increase is discussed. Rebecca raises the concern of an accumulation of increases on the budget adding up, and how it will reflect on the board. Debbie explains that after a reorganization of the HR at the

plant and review of unnecessary expenses on the budget, we are currently operating more efficiently and saving money compared to years past.

Motion to change the staff hourly rate to \$20 per hour passes with a 3:1 vote.

Meter Reading Equipment Repairs

There are meter reading equipment and pit repairs needed. It is also discussed for Ilaria to speak with El Dorado to fix the meter readings so that we can automate the readings rather than manually entering.

Vacant BOD seat

We will accept applications from those interested in a position on the board at the next meeting.

Set meeting date for Preliminary Budget Review

The decided date for the budget review open to the public is November 19th at 7:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 PM