

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWER FOUNTAIN
METROPOLITAN SEWAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

January 14, 2021

Opening:

Dr. Durbin called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lower Fountain Metropolitan Sewage Disposal District (LFMSDD) to order at 5:30 p.m. on January 14, 2021.

Directors Present:

Dr. Durbin
Mr. Christian
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Holtz

Also in Attendance:

District Manager, Jim Heckman
Office Administrator, Cindy Murray
Operations Manager, Tim Long
Consulting Engineer Roger Sams
District Engineer, Jonathan Moore

Guests in Attendance: Tara Kelley, CSU Representative (*via telephone*)

A. Approval of Minutes:

1. Mr. Holtz made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 10, 2020. Second by Mr. Christian. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Bills

1. Mr. Christian made a motion to approve the December bills for payment. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Note The Board reviewed the financial statements for December 2020 with no comments or questions.

C. Special Business-

1. Dr. Durbin opened the meeting for public comment on the 2020 Proposed Amended Budget. Mr. Heckman stated that he provided notice to the Board that the 2020 expenses went over the approved budgeted expenditures by roughly \$60,000. Although he always plans for some unanticipated expenditures, however one main factor that went over the contingency was, the insurance premium. He stated that the SDA gives a discount for payments received by January 31st but this year the date was changed to January 1st so there are two insurance payments in December accounting for \$41,000. Another line item to note was chemical costs, staff struggled to maintain phosphorus compliance with the new phosphorus treatment facility, chemical costs went over anticipated expenses by \$20,000. Lastly, cost of completing the extra testing requirements or accelerated testing for the Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) failure which was another \$15,000 of unanticipated expenses. He stated that the required legal posting was completed within the required time frame and he is requesting the Board consider approval of Resolution LF2021-01 a resolution to amend the 2020 adopted budget.

Being no public questions or questions or concerns from the Board, Dr. Durbin closed the meeting for public comment.

Mr. Christian made a motion to approve Resolution LF2021-01; to amend the 2020 budget. Second by Mr. Holtz. Motion carried.

2. Mr. Heckman reported that he received a call from Al Testa stating that Colorado Springs Utilities(CSU)/City of Colorado Springs has purchased additional capacity from Colorado Centre Metropolitan District (CCMD) and confirmed that CCMD has received payment from the City for the sale and transfer of the capacity. With that, they are requesting the Board consider Resolution No. LF2021-02, regarding the approval of sewer capacity sale and transfer. Mr. Christian made a motion to approve Resolution No. LF2021-02, regarding the approval of sewer capacity sale and transfer from CCMD to CSU. Second by Mr. Holtz. Motion carried.
3. District Engineer Jonathan Moore reported that they are going to submit RFP's for a consultant engineering firm to complete a Capital Needs Assessment on HTDRWRF. This will include if any repairs are needed and what those costs will be, as well as an overview of functionality and any suggestions related to that. He will keep the Board updated.
 - ✓ He reported that he will submit RFP's for a consultant engineering firm to help with a Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) Pilot Program. He stated the District's operation manager Tim Long, made some process control adjustments and has been achieving phosphorus compliance without the use of the phosphorus treatment building. He enhanced the conditions by adjusting the aeration basin mixers. They are taking advantage of the cost savings by not needing to use chemicals for compliance. He will keep the Board updated.
 - ✓ He reported that they have been monitoring the bank erosion occurring at the treated water discharge at the point where it goes into Fountain Creek. Storm flow runoff from the adjacent farmland has caused some bank erosion. He solicited bids for the project however the bids came in too high so staff will complete the project in-house. Mr. Moore will have riprap delivered. He and Mr. Long will schedule a time to complete the project. He will keep the Board informed.

D. General Business

1. Legal Report – The written report of the District's environmental legal counsel, Ms. Connie King, was previously distributed to the Board of Directors. The Board had no questions or comments.
2. Staff Report Items-
 - Consulting Engineer Roger Sams reported briefly reported on some regulatory issues he continues to follow. Roger stated the District continues to be well represented by AF CURE in the regulatory issues that may affect the District. Discussion followed. He will keep the Board updated.
 - Operations Manager Tim Long reported on the following items:

- ✓ Mr. Long previously reported that they were experiencing clogging issues with the polymer pump in the phosphorus building. He stated the manufacture (Velodyne) technician showed up onsite and installed a diaphragm pump to see if it will alleviate any clogging issues. They will continue to work through the issues and report back to the Board.
- ✓ He also reported on the issue with the open channel check dams that are backing up the District's flows. He stated the initial problem with a crushed pipe was repaired however it continues to back up. Mr. Long pushed some conduit through as far as he could, and it released some water, but the issue still remains. He will keep the Board updated.

E. Other Business – None

Adjournment:

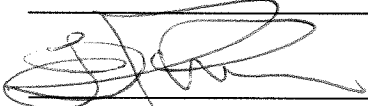
Mr. Christian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:53p.m. Second by Mr. Edwards. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on February 11, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Murray

Minutes approved by:



President of the Board



Secretary to the Board