

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THREE LAKES WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

HELD

Monday, March 13, 2017
6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building
1111 County Road 48
Grand Lake, CO 80447

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Water and Sanitation District was held in accordance with the applicable Statutes of the State of Colorado.

The following Directors were present and acting:

Pat Farmer
Bill Heffron
Dan Knox
Les Shankland
Julie Gasner

Others present: N. John Skoog, Gayle Langley, Donna Ready, Stephanie Wall, guests
Sally Blea and Mike Gibboni, Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Heffron called the meeting to order and opened for discussion the first agenda item.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR:

No comments by the Chair.

INTRODUCTIONS OF PUBLIC PRESENT

Introductions were made of all of those present, as noted above.

MINUTES

By **MOTION** and second, and by unanimous vote, with one abstention, the Minutes were approved as presented.

MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Consideration of Resolution No. 2017-3-1: resolution setting sewer main extension reimbursement fee

By **MOTION** and second, the Board approved the Resolution which formally set the sewer main extension reimbursement fee for the Hillside Addition to Pine Beach/Wildacres Subdivision extension that was recently completed, at \$7,930 per lot for 21 lots within those subdivisions, as stated in the Resolution. The Resolution will be recorded for future reference.

John Skoog, Lot 15, Block 7, Wild Acres Subdivision: request for temporary variance from connection to sewer main; request for 4-Year Promissory Note for payment of sewer main extension reimbursement

Mr. Skoog was present and stated that he is not able to obtain a loan for the financing of his costs to connect to the sewer main. He noted that his engineered septic system has only been in use for two years and that the public health or environment is not adversely affected. He requested that the Board allow him to continue the use of his septic tank by approving a temporary variance and to pay his shared cost via a Promissory Note plan. He stated he does not believe it is fair to first have approval to install a septic system and then require that he dispose of it and connect to the recently completed sewer main extension. Upon a request for staff's opinion by the Chair, Sally stated that she originally proposed the 5-Year Plan program as an alternative to temporary variances in situations where a connection is possible, to give the property owner ample time to prepare for the connection. A **MOTION** made by Director Gasner to allow Mr. Skoog sufficient time to apply for the 5-Year program was seconded by Director Farmer and then withdrawn by Director Farmer after further discussion. She did not understand that this **MOTION** also denied the request for the temporary variance.

Director Farmer's subsequent MOTION to allow Mr. Skoog until June 30, which is the date of the required connection barring no other agreements, to request the 5-Year program or approve the variance was also withdrawn when it was explained that he had already chosen to request the temporary variance. Director Knox then made a MOTION to accept Mr. Skoog's request for a temporary variance. This motion died for lack of a second. Director Farmer then made a MOTION to allow Mr. Skoog until June 30, 2017 to apply for the 5-year program to connect, and to deny his request for a temporary variance. This motion was 2nd and approved by a vote of 4 to 1 with Director Knox casting a nay vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Donna Ready was present and stated that she had inquired about an improved property in Winding River Villa that was on a septic tank but was within 400' of a sewer main, and did not have a temporary variance in place. Sally responded that she was working on her matter with the District's attorney to see if a temporary variance request is in order or not, since the District has not acted to require a connection to date. She explained that the District withheld compelled connections in Winding River Villa pending an extension of the sewer main that never came to fruition. Donna was most interested in how to inform property owners in situations such as this.

Gayle Langley was present and stated that the road near her home is not in very good condition at this time. Mike responded that although he will take a look at the problem, any work on the road will not take place until the area has had a chance to dry up from the winter weather. The Contractor will be scheduling that area for clean-up as soon as weather permits.

Mr. Skoog further stated that he felt he did his due diligence in requesting the temporary variance and does not understand why the Board will not continue to allow him to use his newly installed septic tank. The Board again reiterated that the sewer main was extended in order to service those properties within 400' and a 5 year program was provided as an alternative to issuing temporary variances, which would provide sufficient time for the homeowner to make arrangements for the connection. Mr. Skoog stated that he has been financially ruined by this activity of requiring his connection.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

By MOTION, second and unanimous vote, the checklist for the month of February was approved. The Financial documents for February were reviewed and accepted as presented.

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION AS BROUGHT FORTH BY BOARD MEMEBERS

Director Shankland stated that he believes the County recently updated their regulations for septic systems and that perhaps we should obtain that information for review at our pending strategic planning session, noting that there may be some requirements that may be useful for our Rules and Regulations.

CHIEF OPERATOR REPORT

See attached written report. He also reported that the District has requested an extension of time for the copper compliance date from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2021. Mike also reported that one of our sewer operators, Paul Roumell, is no longer with the District and we are in the process of hiring his replacement.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

Sally stated that Directors Heffron, Knox and she met with Town officials at their request, to discuss the assessment of the Grand Lake Community Center. A preliminary assessment based on a Plan provided by the Town required that additional tap fees be purchased, of which they wished to dispute. At the meeting it was discovered that they had again changed the Plans for the Center. They explained that the Plans will continue to change as they seek out the needs of the community. Also the assessment of their Fitness Center does not now include showers for its users, and should not fit under that category for now. Sally will make the necessary re-assessment changes. It was agreed that if any increase in the tap assessment is required, that those taps will be purchased at this time, with a re-assessment to be completed each year because of on-going changes.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.


Sally J Blea, Reporting Secretary


Julie Gasner, Secretary/Treasurer

March 2017
Chief Operator Report

Lift Stations /Call Outs:

All stations are operating properly. We have received discharge packages for two more lift station rehabs. We are going to use one at the Shadow Park Lift Station on CR 480 and evaluate other stations to repair through the rest of the year.

Treatment Plant:

Operating normally. We continue to work with Kennedy/Jenks to meet the upcoming copper limits. We will be meeting with Northern Water to evaluate a treatment proposal for nutrient reduction. They have deposited \$5000 with us to cover the review by Kennedy/Jenks.

Water Systems:

1. North Shore: Operating normally. High water usage for this time of year. Two leaks were discovered by a hired leak detection company. We are monitoring until the leaks can be repaired.
2. Columbine: Operating normally.

Other:

We continue to work with Kennedy/Jenks to update the Facilities Plan and Asset Registry. We will be working towards a useful document that will ultimately be used for capital improvement planning.

We made the decision to relieve Paul Roumell of his employment with the District due to his prolonged absence. We will be advertising for an open trainee position.

Mike