

# **MINUTES OF MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOUNTAIN HILLS SANITARY DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Fountain Hills Sanitary District met in a **Regular Meeting** on **Tuesday, July 23, 2013** at **6:00 p.m.** in the District's Board Room located at 16941 E. Pepperwood Circle, Fountain Hills, Arizona.

**Agenda Item No. 1**  
**Call to order and roll call**

*Upon roll call, the following Directors were present:*

Chairman Robert Thomson, Director Glenn Panaro, Director Thom Besett, and Director Bruce Hansen. Vice Chairman Tom Reski was absent.

*The following Executive Staff members were present:*

Ron Huber, District Manager, Bill Sullivan, Legal Counsel, Tori Myers, Controller, and Penny Cook, Assistant Secretary.

**Agenda Item No. 2**  
**Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting: 05/28/2013 and Special Meeting: 6/11/2013**

A motion was made by Director Hansen to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 28, 2013 and Special Meeting of June 11, 2013 as presented. Director Panaro seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 3**  
**Presentation of Service Recognition Award to Tim Robertson for 20 years of District service.**

District Manager thanked Tim Robertson for his 20 years of service and presented him with a service recognition award.

**Agenda Item No. 4**  
**Presentation by Jeff Lessig, General Manager, SunRidge Canyon Golf Course and discussion regarding plan to help eliminate sodium from reclaimed water and instructions to staff.**

Jeff Lessig from SunRidge Canyon Golf Course informed the Board that the golf courses and Town parks' turfgrass is suffering because of the sodium content in the effluent water being delivered to these locations. He presented a possible plan to help reduce sodium in the District's reclaimed water.

Director Hansen suggested that a committee be formed to look further into a possible solution to the sodium content in the District's effluent water.

Marty Jessen, FireRock resident who is in the water treatment business, would also suggest forming a committee and would like to be a part of the committee.

Jerry Butler is at the meeting on the behalf of the Greening of Downtown Committee. He is concerned about the turf condition of Fountain Park and would also like to be on the committee.

After further discussion, it was decided that a committee would be formed to look into possible avenues to start lowering the sodium level in the effluent water.

Director Hansen and Director Besett also volunteered to be on the committee.

**Agenda Item No. 5**

**Call to public.**

There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item No. 6**

**District Manager's report; items to be discussed include plant and recharge statistics for June, permit compliance, progress on ASR Well No. 5 Project, Fountain Lake IGA, status of former State Trust Land, Reclaimed Water Use Agreements for Golden Eagle Park and Desert Vista Park, AWTF Chlorine Feed System Mods Project, diffuser failure in digester, AWTF Membrane System Replacement Project, Delay of Reclaimed Water Line Construction in Saguaro Blvd., Special Meeting to request cancellation of election, and general direction from Board.**

- District Manager reported the District's total recharge credit available as of June 30, 2013 was 310,825,979 gallons.
- District facilities were in compliance with all permit requirements for the month of June.
- The contractor is trying to locate a test pump suitable to the engineer to enable additional testing for the ASR Well No. 5 project.
- The AWTF Chlorine Feed System Mods project will be activated and completed upon completion of the Membrane System Replacement project.
- Installation and testing have been successfully completed for the west digester cell and it is running very well. It seems to be running more efficiently than the last equipment that was installed. This digester will be operated for one month and then the new equipment will be installed in the east digester cell.
- Piping for water, air, and electrical is underway on the AWTF Membrane System Replacement project.
- District Manager discussed the delay of the reclaimed water line in Saguaro Blvd. with the Town Manager and what the Town thought of it. The Town Manager, Ken Buchanan, indicated that the Town is concerned that the District is not doing the construction in Saguaro before their paving project should the bond issue pass. However, he did indicate that the Town had not planned for any revenue from the Ellman project over the next five years.
- District Manager will be scheduling a telephonic meeting probably for August 15, 2013 to vote to have the Board of Supervisors cancel the election if no more than two people turn in their nominating petitions.

**Agenda Item No. 7**

**Controller's report; items to be discussed include status of income and expenditures, billing, report on collection efforts to date, and general direction from Board.**

The Controller reported the General Fund Income Statement for June and 2012/13 fiscal year was favorable to budget.

Billing is on track.

**Agenda Item No. 8**

**Discussion and consideration to engage Henry & Horne LLP to conduct the FY 2012/2013 financial audit of the District.**

The Controller informed the Board that staff is recommending authorization to execute the engagement letter submitted by Henry & Horne LLP to conduct the FY 2012/2013 financial audit at an estimated total cost of \$11,000.

Director Panaro made a motion to execute the engagement letter presented by Henry & Horne LLP to conduct the FY 2012/2013 financial audit. Director Hansen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 9**

**Discussion and consideration to replace existing combination sewer cleaning truck for \$309,315 (plus tax).**

Director Hansen made a motion to authorize District Manager to purchase a combination sewer cleaning truck for \$309,315 (plus tax). Director Besett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 10**

**The Chairman, the individual members of the Board and the District Manager will each be permitted to provide a brief summary of current events. The Board will not propose, discuss, deliberate or take legal action at the meeting on any matter addressed in the summaries, unless the specific item is otherwise properly noticed.**

Chairman Thomson requested the District Manager look into the possibility of the District moving to Reverse Osmosis as soon as possible. He is requesting costs and a possible solution to the brine issue and that this item be agendized at the September regular meeting.

**Agenda Item No. 11**

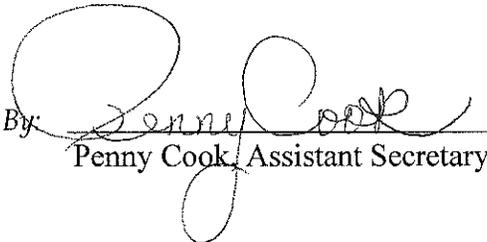
**Adjournment.**

Director Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Director Besett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

*Dated this 24th day of July, 2013.*

Fountain Hills Sanitary District

Minutes Prepared By:

  
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