

# **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 **Wednesday, September 20, 2017** at **5:30** 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, Vice Chairman Tom Reski, Director Gregg Dudash, and Director Jerry Butler. Director Michael Maroon arrived late.

*The following Executive Staff members were present:*

Dana Trompke, District Manager, Ron Huber, Special Asst. to the District Manager, Bill Sullivan, Legal Counsel, Tori Myers, District CPA, Kirsten DeBie, Administrative Services Manager, and Penny Cook, Assistant Secretary.

## **Agenda Item No. 2**

### **Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting: August 15, 2017**

A motion was made by Director Dudash to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2017 with discussed change as noted by Bill Sullivan. Director Butler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## **Agenda Item No. 3**

### **Call to Public.**

There was no public comment.

## **Agenda Item No. 4**

### **Comments and discussion by Marty Jessen regarding water softeners and resulting sodium in the recycled water.**

Marty Jessen presented the Board with a review of how water softeners have evolved through the years and how they work. He stated the amount of salt produced from water softeners is dumped into wastewater and is a worldwide problem. There is a group developing a new type of water softener and a prototypes should be available for testing by the end of the year. He would like the District to test one of the prototypes at a cost of approximately \$10,000.

Tim Geesey, FireRock Golf Club General Manager, informed the Board that the salt content in the reclaimed water they receive from the District is detrimental to the golf course turf.

**Agenda Item No. 5**

**District Manager's report; items to be discussed include plant and recharge statistics for August, permit compliance, New and Existing Sewer Services, Solids Handling and Headworks Improvement Project, Swimming Lagoon at Fountain Park, and general direction from Board.**

- District Manager reported the District's total recharge credit available as of August 31, 2017 was 562,225,512 gallons.
- All facilities were in compliance with environmental permit requirements for the month of August.
- There were five new single-family sewer service agreements issued in August.
- As of August 31, 2017, 31 out of the 35 service lines had been repaired at Eagle Mountain Parcel 15. It is anticipated that the repairs will be complete by the end of September.
- There has been no recent activity on the Solids Handling and Headworks Improvements Project. The long lead equipment is expected to arrive the end of October which is earlier than expected.
- Staff attended a design charrette with Town staff, the lagoon project committee, and the feasibility study consultants on August 14, 2017 pertaining to the proposed Swimming Lagoon at Fountain Park. There was a discussion to move the proposed site near the shopping plaza. There was discussion of the presence of below grade District facilities in that area that would be affected. There were no specific discussions on the extent of District facilities in the area affected and cost to relocate. There was also no mention of the District's legal easement over the entire park for effluent uses.

**Agenda Item No. 6**

**District CPA'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 District CPA's report shows the Income Statement for August was slightly unfavorable to budget. This was mostly due to the fact that there were three payrolls in the month of August, the effect of which balances throughout the year.

Billing is on track.

**Agenda Item No. 7**

**Summary presentation and potential discussion of Arizona laws on Open Meeting, Conflict of Interest, Public Records and Fiduciary Duty of Directors of the Board.**

Legal counsel gave a presentation on Open Meeting laws and how they pertain to the District. He also gave a presentation on Conflict of Interest and Public Records and Fiduciary Duty of Directors of the Board.

**Agenda Item No. 8**

**Discussion regarding District involvement in Fountain Lake water quality issues.**

Special Assistant to the District Manager gave a brief history of the District's involvement in Fountain Lake Water Quality issues.

The historical review included the District involvement with odor complaints, hiring an engineering consultant in 2010 to study Fountain Lake water quality, and forming a joint study group with the Town (Fountain Lake Water Quality Joint Study Group) in 2011 to attempt to make recommendations as to what should be done to improve the lake water quality.

**Agenda Item No. 9**

**Discussion regarding the draft End of the Fiscal Year report.**

District Manager presented the Board with a draft 2016/2017 fiscal year-end report. After a discussion, Chairman Thomson asked that discussed changes be made and a final copy of the report be distributed to the Directors.

**Agenda Item No. 10**

**Discussion and consideration to accept FY 2016/2017 audit report and financial statements as presented. Direction to staff to issue financial statements.**

District CPA presented the FY 2016/2017 audit report and financial statement to the Board and indicated there was one finding, with a recommendation the District handle the treatment of inventory items in a different manner from capital assets.

Direction was given to staff to issue financial statements as presented.

**Agenda Item No. 11**

**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.**

There were no comments.

**Agenda Item No. 12**

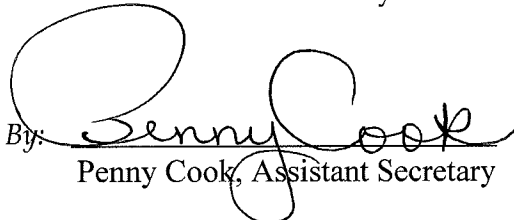
**Adjournment.**

Vice Chairman Reski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Director Dudash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

*Dated this 21st day of September, 2017*

Fountain Hills Sanitary District

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