

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, April 21, 2021** at **4:30** 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:

Vice Chairman Robert Thomson, Director Gregg Dudash, Director Tammy Bell, and Director Jerry Butler. Chairman Michael Maroon was absent.

(Note: Unanimous votes refer to all Directors present)

The following Executive Staff members were present:

Dana Trompke, District Manager, Bill Sullivan, Legal Counsel, Tori Myers, District CPA, and Penny Cook, Assistant Secretary.

Agenda Item No. 2 **Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting: March 24, 2021**

A motion was made by Director Butler to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2021 with discussed changes. Director Bell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No 3 **Call to public**

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item No. 4 **District Manager's report; items to be discussed include plant and recharge statistics for March, permit compliance, new and existing sewer services, active project updates, public communication efforts, and Town communication and/or coordination efforts.**

District Manager reported for the month of March: The average daily influent flow was 2.076 MGD.

Total WW treated for March was 64,367,000 gallons.

The District was in compliance with all permit requirements for the month.

March Reclaimed Water delivered to reusers was 37,119,200 gallons.

District Manager reported the District's total recharge credit available as of March 31, 2021 was 629,916,834 gallons.

There were six new single-family sewer service agreements issued in March.

The Arc Flash Study has been completed. Arc Flash training will be provided for operations staff on April 28th.

The parking addition for the EV Chargers and Parking Addition has been completed. A contract for installation of the EV charges will be discussed later in Agenda Item No. 7 to request authorization for installation.

The Aeration Basin Improvement Project is going well. The project will run through September.

The initial feasibility study for the ASR Well 1 Vault Replacement project has narrowed the possible sites to three options. A more detailed investigation and cost considerations will be explored to determine the most feasible and economical.

A quarterly newsletter was included with the second quarter billing, sent out the first week of April.

Chairman Maroon has initiated conversation with the Town to form a joint sodium working group. The first meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 30th.

A Joint session between Town Council and District board has been scheduled for May 25th.

Agenda Item No. 5

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.

District CPA reported the General Fund Income Statement for March was favorable to budget.

Agenda Item No. 6

Discussion and consideration to approve the FY 2021/2022 preliminary budget and fee schedule for publication and to set public hearing thereon.

District CPA presented the Board with an updated proposed Budget and explained the changes to the preliminary proposed budget presented at the March 24, 2021 budget workshop and regular meeting.

Director Butler made a motion to approve the FY 2021/22 preliminary budget and fee schedule, with discussed changes, for publication and to set public hearing for May 19, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. Director Dudash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 7

Discussion and consideration to authorize District Manager to execute a job order to Felix Construction for the installation of two electric vehicle chargers in the amount of \$64,328.34.

Director Bell made a motion to authorize District Manager to execute a job order to Felix Construction for the installation of two electric vehicle chargers in the amount of \$64,328.34. Director Dudash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

District Manager indicated the installation of the EV chargers will qualify for a rebate through the SRP Rebate program.

Agenda Item No. 8

Discussion and direction to staff regarding Statement of Qualifications for District Attorney.

After extending the deadline for the RFP for Attorneys, five additional responses to the request for proposals were received, making a total of six received.

After a discussion, direction was given to staff to contact the firms and schedule a 20-minute interview at 30-minute intervals with each firm on Tuesday, May 4th, beginning at 3:00 p.m. If May 4th is not convenient for any of the firms, schedule a time on May 12th beginning at 4:00 p.m.

The interview will consist of a 5–8-minute presentation from the individuals to explain who they are, their strong points, and followed by a series of questions.

Agenda Item No. 9

Discussion and general direction to staff regarding proposed Reclaimed Water Strategic Plan.

District Manager presented the Board with information regarding reclaimed water and a proposed reclaimed water strategic plan.

District Manager informed the Board that over the last nine years, the District has leased 945,000,000 gallons of water, withdrew 777,545,000 gallons of water, and only needed approximately 230,000,000 gallons of water to cover the shortfall.

District Manager is requesting a specific direction to staff on whether or not to discontinue the groundwater lease for 2022. District Manager is also requesting consideration of setting a tiered rate plan for reclaimed water users.

The Board indicated their intentions are to discontinue the groundwater lease for 2022. This item will be agendized at the May 19, 2021 meeting for continued discussion as well as a formal motion to discontinue the groundwater lease.

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.

There were no comments.

Agenda Item No. 11

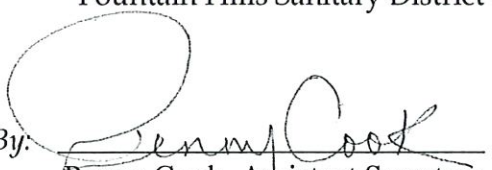
Adjournment.

Director Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Director Dudash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Dated this 22nd day of April 2021.

Fountain Hills Sanitary District

Minutes Prepared By:


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