

# **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 15, 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:*

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

(Note: Unanimous votes refer to all Directors present.)

*The following Executive Staff members were present:*

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

## **Agenda Item No. 2**

### **Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting: August 18, 2021**

A motion was made by Director Butler to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2021 as presented. Director Dudash 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, recycled water, and recharge statistics for August, permit compliance, new sewer services, active project updates, public communication efforts, and Town communication and/or coordination efforts.**

The District Manager reported for the month of August: The average influent flow was 1.935 MGD.

Total WW treated for August was 59,970,000 gallons.

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

August Reclaimed Water delivered to reusers was 43,205,400 gallons.

The District Manager reported the District's total recharge credit available as of August 31, 2021 was 528,156,834 gallons.

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There were nine new single-family sewer service agreements issued in August.

The Job Order Contractor is nearing completion on the EV Chargers and Parking Addition project. The chargers are installed and the final testing and sign off from the electrical engineer still needs to be completed. The project should be complete this week.

The contractor is still making good progress on the Aeration Basin Improvement Project. There have been a few delays. The project is still on track and should wrap up the end of September or beginning of October.

ASR Well 1 Vault Replacement project will be discussed under Agenda Item No. 12.

The contractor is awaiting delivery of ordered equipment for the AWTF Strainer and Tote Replacement project. Estimated delivery of the equipment is 12-16 weeks.

An update of the Outfall Feasibility Study will be presented at the October Meeting. District Manager has a meeting with the Executive Director of Scottsdale Water next week along with their hydraulic modeling engineer.

There are currently four employee vacancies: 1 Plant Operator, 1 CSO operator, 1 Maintenance Mechanic, and 1 Customer Service Rep.

The joint sodium discussion/working group met on September 10, 2021. There were no new action items other than District staff will be working with Town staff's Communication Department as far as publishing articles in Fountain Hills Insider.

A Joint session between Town Council and District Board has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**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.**

The District CPA reported operating expenditures and revenues are running on track.

**Agenda Item No. 6**

**Legal Counsel updates.**

There were no new updates from Legal Counsel.

**Agenda Item No. 7**

**Discussion and consideration to increase the time range for the useful life of equipment, pertaining to depreciation, to 3-20 yrs.**

District CPA is requesting the District increase the time range for the useful life, pertaining to depreciation, of equipment from 3-15 years to 3-20 years.



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After a discussion, Vice Chairperson Thomson made a motion to authorize staff to increase the time range for the useful life of equipment to 3-20 years. Director Dudash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Agenda No. 8**

**Discussion and consideration to accept FY 2020/2021 audit report and direction to issue financial statements.**

District CPA presented the FY 2020/2021 audit report and answered questions from the Board.

Director Dudash made a motion to accept FY 2020/2021 audit report, with discussed changes, for filing. Director Butler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 9**

**Discussion and consideration to authorize the District Manager to purchase a new sewer TV camera and accessories for \$63,077.52.**

District Manager is requesting authorization to purchase a new sewer TV camera and accessories for \$63,077.52 and indicated that this item is a scheduled FERR item reflected in the 2021/2022 adopted budget.

After a discussion, Director Butler moved to authorize the District Manager to purchase a new sewer TV camera and accessories for \$63,077.52. Vice Chairperson Thomson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 10**

**Discussion and consideration to authorize the District Manager to engage Stanley Consultants for engineering design services for upgrade to PS No. 10.**

District Manager is requesting authorization to engage Stanley Consultants for engineering design services for upgrade to PS No. 10. This item is a scheduled item in the 2021/2022 adopted budget.

After a discussion, Director Butler moved to authorize District Manager to engage Stanley Consultants for engineering design services for upgrade to PS No. 10. Director Dudash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 11**

**Discussion and consideration to authorize District Manager to purchase two replacement evaporative coolers for the maintenance shop for \$40,813.96.**

District Manager is requesting authorization to purchase two replacement evaporative coolers for the maintenance shop for \$40,813.96. This item is also a scheduled FERR item reflected in the FY 2021/2022 adopted budget.

After a discussion, Director Dudash moved to authorize District Manager to purchase two replacement evaporative coolers for the maintenance shop for \$40,813.96. Vice Chairperson Thomson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 12**

**Discussion regarding proposed location of ASR Well #1 Vault Replacement project.**

District Manager presented the Board with a preliminary drawing with a possible location for ASR Well #1 Vault Replacement.

There were discussions regarding possible location, amenities, grading, and District access to the location.

**Agenda Item No. 13**

**Discussion of items to be considered for Joint Session with Town Council on October 12, 2021.**

After discussions, the following items were considered for the Joint Session with Town Council on October 12, 2021.

1. Value of Intergovernmental Agreement between Town of Fountain Hills and Fountain Hills Sanitary District.
2. Discussion regarding joint District-Council working group to develop strategies to reduce sodium pollution.
3. Proposed well 1 control building location and improvements at Fountain Park.
4. Discussion of proposed Fountain Lake improvements and timing.
5. Discussion regarding coordination of wash maintenance in areas of District utility easements.

**Agenda Item No. 14**

**Discussion and consideration of timeline to discuss reclaimed water supply, demand challenges, and conceptual rate structure.**

Vice Chairperson Thomson suggested, that due to the time, a meeting be scheduled for next week to discuss this item.

It was decided that this item will be agendized at a Special Meeting to be held on September 22, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

**Agenda Item No. 15**

**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.**

District Manager informed the Board that she will be out the rest of the week and the District Manager's report will not be sent out this week.

Director Butler asked if the District has filed with the Board of Supervisors to cancel the election.

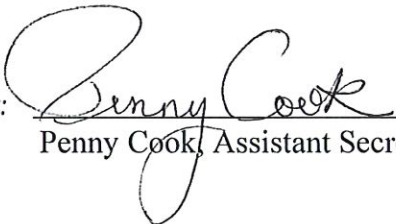
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**Agenda Item No. 16**  
**Adjournment.**

Director Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Director Dudash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

*Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021*

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