

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, December 21, 2022** 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:

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

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

The following Executive Staff members were present:

Dana Trompke, District Manager, Daniel Jones, Legal Counsel, and Penny Cook, Assistant Secretary.

Agenda Item No. 2

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting: November 16, 2022 and Executive Session Meeting: December 7, 2022

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Dudash to approve the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of December 7, 2022 as presented. Director Bell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Maroon to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2022 Regular Meeting as amended. Vice Chairman 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 November, 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 November: The average daily influent flow was 1.974 MGD.

Total WW treated for November was 59,229,000 gallons.

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

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November Reclaimed Water delivered to reusers was 15,578,000 gallons.

The District Manager reported the District's total recharge credit available as of November 30, 2022 was 489,798,015 gallons.

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

The District continues to experience supply chain issues for electrical components and noting 32-65 week delivery times for items needed for the UV Replacement, ASR Well 1 Vault Replacement, and PS 10 Improvements projects.

Effluent Pump No. 4 Replacement project is substantially complete and operational. Final O&M manuals and as-built drawings are still needed before processing the final invoices.

SRP is currently relocating their conduits for the ARV Replacement project. District anticipates a mid- to late-January start of actual field work.

The Engineer has submitted a 30% submittal and is making good progress on the ASR Well 1 Vault Replacement project.

The consultants for the Sewer Assessment project have completed approximately 850,000 LF of sewer line assessment to date. The project will have to roll into January to complete a little over 1,000,000 LF. A summary of findings and results will be presented once compiled.

There are currently three staff vacancies: Maintenance Tech, CS Operator and PM/Engineer positions are vacant.

District Manager has had discussions with Town staff regarding the Panorama drainage project.

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's report indicated the Income Statement for November was favorable to budget.

Agenda Item No. 6

Legal Counsel updates and discussion of possible future legislation.

Legal Counsel indicated the EPA stated they are going to initiate a rulemaking that they are going to propose water quality standards specifically to protect tribal reserve rights.

Agenda Item No. 7

Discussion and determination of action regarding second vacant director seat.

Chair Thomson indicated there is now a second vacant director seat and is asking the Board how they would like to handle this second vacancy.

Director Maroon indicated the Board interviewed four qualified candidates and believes the Board can make a decision to fill two vacancies with the four interviewed candidates.

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Agenda Item No. 8

Discussion regarding recent Director candidates' interviews.

There was no discussion.

Agenda Item No. 9

VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSE; Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A)(1) for discussion of Director vacancy candidates.

Vice Chairman Dudash moved to go into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(1) for discussion of Director vacancy candidates. Director Maroon seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Regular session adjourned into executive session at 5:10 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 10

Return to Regular Session.

Director Bell moved and Vice Chairman Dudash seconded to return to regular session.

Regular session resumed at 5:17 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 11

Discussion and selection of candidate(s) to fill Director seat(s).

Director Maroon made a motion to fill two Director's seats. Vice Chairman Dudash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Director Bell made a motion to appoint Jeff Lessig and Clayton Corey to the two open Director positions for the Board of Directors. Director Maroon seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 12

Approval of Resolution No. 289, Resolution of Appreciation for H. Jerome Butler, Board of Director.

Vice Chairman Dudash made a motion to approve Resolution No. 289, Resolution of Appreciation for H. Jerome Butler, Board of Director. Director Bell seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 4 to 1 with Director Butler abstaining.

Agenda Item No 13

Recognition and celebration of Jerry Butler for six years of dedication and service on the Board of Directors of the fountain Hills Sanitary District.

Chair Thomson stated that the Board recognizes the tremendous contribution that Jerry has made to the Board. Particularly in the budget, and the budget processes are far better for the efforts that Jerry has asserted in that area. Immediately, Jerry leading the charge to get a better design for the ASR 1 Well Vault Replacement project. Chair Thomson stated Jerry has been a tremendous source of counsel to Chair Thomson during his times as Board Chairman. He has appreciated Director Butler's thoughtful advice and counsel. Thank you.

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Director Maroon stated to Director Butler that he has been an awesome mentor with your presence, your questions, and your attention to detail. "It's been a growing exercise for me to just serve along side you. Thank you".

Director Bell stated she appreciates everything Director Butler has done and thanked him for being so humble in willing to always teach and make her feel it was ok to ask dumb questions.

Vice Chairman Dudash stated Jerry is one of most outstanding Director's he has had the pleasure to work with. Vice Chairman Dudash wished Director Butler all the best and appreciates Director Butler's counsel and friendship.

Director Butler indicated that hiring the District Manager is the best decision he made in six years and three months.

Chair Thomson presented Director Butler with the "Golden Toilet" award.

Agenda Item No. 14

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. 15

Adjournment.

Director Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Director Maroon seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 2022.

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