

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 **Thursday, May 21, 2025** 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 Clayton Corey, Director Gregg Dudash, and Director Tammy Bell (telephonically). Director Thomson arrived at 4:33 p.m.

(Note: Unanimous votes refer to all Directors present)

The following Executive Staff members were present:

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

Agenda Item No. 2 **Public hearing concerning the FY 2025/2026 fee schedule.**

The public hearing concerning the FY 2025/2026 fee schedule was opened by Chairperson Maroon.

There were no comments, and the public hearing was closed.

Agenda Item No. 3 **Public hearing concerning the FY 2025/2026 budget.**

The public hearing concerning the FY 2025/2026 budget was opened by Chairperson Bell.

There were no comments, and the public hearing was closed.

Agenda Item No. 4 **Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting: April 16, 2025.**

A motion was made by Director Dudash to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 16, 2025 as presented. Vice Chairman Corey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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, recycled water, and recharge statistics for April, permit compliance, new sewer services, active project updates, public communication efforts, and Town communication and/or coordination efforts.

District Manager reported for the month of April: The average daily influent flow was 1.922 MGD.

Total WW treated for April was 57,668,000 gallons.

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

April Reclaimed Water delivered to reusers was 49,935,000 gallons.

The District Manager reported the District's total recharge credit available as of April 30, 2025 was 581,422,938 gallons.

There were seven new single-family, two multi-family, and one non-residential sewer service agreements issued in April.

Construction is progressing well on the Plant Control Bldg. project. Walls are complete and roof trusses are installed. Construction is expected to last from February to the end of July.

The remaining work on the ASR Well 1 Vault Replacement project requires the engineer to provide record drawings.

The contractor has successfully replaced all 10 of the Variable Frequency Drives for the WWTP Blower VFDs and AWWTF Pump VFDs Replacement (FERR) projects. The final item is to receive all close-out documentation.

Staff are addressing the minor comments from the facility assessments for the Safety Program Review and Update. The Confined Space Program has been reviewed. The Respiratory Program will be updated next. A review of all Safety Program documentation, practices, and training programs will be completed over the first half of 2025.

Generators have arrived for the PS 3 and 5 Generator Replacement (FERR) project. An exhaust fabricator who will make the exhaust has been hired. The generator vendor start-up technician is tentatively scheduled between June 16th through July 2nd.

There is currently one staffing vacancy: One Project Manager.

Agenda Item No. 7

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 April was favorable to budget.

Agenda Item No. 8

Legal Counsel updates and discussion of procedural matters and possible future legislation.

Legal Counsel indicated there have been a couple of clean water updates.

The EPA and Army Corps of Engineers have essentially rescinded all rules guiding policy memoranda: Everything that deals with the water of the United States definitions from prior Board administrations. They issued a new memo outlining what the priorities are for both agencies, coming up with a new definition that complies with the US Supreme Court decision that defines what is the water of the United States.

Another Supreme Court decision was made regarding discharges.

Agenda Item No. 9

Discussion and possible appointment of District Secretary.

After a discussion, it was decided that this item will be placed on the June 2025 agenda for further discussion, after Legal Counsel has reviewed the statutes.

Agenda Item No. 10

VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSE:

- a. **Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A)(1) discussion and consideration of renewing District CPA's FY 2025/2026 contract.**
- b. **Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A)(1) discussion and consideration of District Manager's performance and annual salary adjustment for FY 2025/2026.**

Director Thomson moved and Director Dudash seconded to go into executive session for: a. Discussion and consideration of renewing District CPA's FY 2025/2026 contract. b. Discussion and consideration of District Manager's performance and annual salary adjustment for FY 2025/2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular session adjourned into executive session at 5:12 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 5:56 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 11

Discussion and consideration to approve District CPA's contract for FY 2025/2026.

Director Thomson made a motion to approve District CPA's contract for FY 2025/2026. Director Dudash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 12

Discussion and establishing District Manager's salary adjustment for FY 2025/2026.

Director Dudash made a motion for the Board to provide the District Manager with a 3% salary adjustment (2.5% COLA and .5% merit) for FY 2025/2026. Vice Chairperson Corey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 13

The Chairperson, 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.

Chairperson Maroon indicated he will not be at the June 2025 Board meeting.

Director Thomson commended Vice Chairperson Corey for the picture and article he placed in the Fountain Hills Times regarding ASR Well #1 project.

Director Dudash indicated that the Town Council recognized their staff, as far as the engineering people, and declared a day for them. Director Dudash would like the Board to recognize their employees; and if the Town is doing this in the future, he would check to see if the District could be included.

Chairperson Maroon recognized Penny for her work that is done so the Board meetings run smoothly, the materials are prepared timely, and always being here. All in attendance agreed with the statement.

Agenda Item No 14
Adjournment.

Vice Chairperson Corey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Director Dudash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2024.

Fountain Hills Sanitary District

Minutes Prepared By:


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