

PLUM CREEK WATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY
4255 N. US Hwy 85, Castle Rock, CO 80108
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Held in person and GoToMeeting
April 24, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

7:30 a.m.

ATTENDEES:

Mark Marlowe, Nathan Travis and Joshua Shackelford Board Members; David Van Dellen, Evan Person, Alternate Board Members; Wes Martin, Authority Manager; Kirby Clark, Assistant Authority Manager; Lissa Oelkers, Director of Administrative Services; Lucinda Young, Administrative Assistant; Darryl Farrington, Semple, Farrington, Everall & Case, PC; Cassie Vetter, Castle Pines Metropolitan District Board Member; Christine McLeod and Greg Ingalls, Haynie & Company

ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM:

Quorum present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dir. Shackelford moved to approve the agenda. Dir. Marlowe seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Attendees: Jim Walker, Pine Canyon.

No comments.

ACTION ITEMS:

2023 ANNUAL FINANCAIL REPORT – HAYNIE & COMPANY:

Ms. McLeod stated that the 2023 annual audit was completed and free of any issues. She then provided a Power Point presentation for the year ending December 31, 2023, which included audit procedures and financial highlights with assistance from her associate, Mr. Ingalls. Ms. McLeod also highlighted that they did not encounter any difficulties performing the audit. Dir. Marlowe recommended acceptance of the 2023 Annual Financial Report. Dir. Shackelford seconded. The report was unanimously accepted. Ms. McLeod and Mr. Ingalls excused themselves from the meeting at 7:50 a.m.

MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2024 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

Dir. Shackelford moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2024 regular board meeting. Dir. Marlowe seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PAYABLES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2024:

Mr. Martin highlighted the payment of \$13,845.96 to Carollo for the 2023 Utility Plan Update, \$13,287.00 to Grasmick Electric Corp for repair of the reuse wet well electrical conduit and installation of outlets in the Operations room. He requested approval for the March 2024 payables totaling \$397,957.71. Dir. Marlowe moved to approve the payables as described by Mr. Martin. Dir. Shackelford seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS:

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

NEW TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK SEWER LINE:

Mr. Farrington explained easement options for the new Town of Castle Rock Meadows Filing 19 sewer line by outlining two possibilities: a permanent easement and a revocable license. The ensuing discussion focused on existing easements, characteristics of the easement, and the purpose of a revocable license, along with which approach would be most suitable for PCWRA members. The City and County of Denver does not grant easements but uses a revocable license and Mr. Farrington suggested modeling this practice. The board directed Mr. Martin to research existing easements and bring this information to the next board meeting for further discussion.

REGIONAL WASTEWATER/WATER PLANT UPDATE:

Dir. Marlowe provided an update of the current proposed amendments. The changes would relocate \$ 9,000,000 of funding to a lift station and force main in Sedalia. This allocation will only occur if they receive support from other partners interested in wastewater services in that area. Additionally, Castle Rock would withdraw from managing the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocated to Dominion and funds would be reallocated to the Louviers distribution system.

DIRECT POTABLE REUSE:

While Mr. Martin had no update from Garney Construction, Dir. Marlowe noted the Town is pausing its sampling plan for Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) until fall or early 2025. Their consultant is evaluating an alternative approach to DPR, which involves discharge to the Town's reservoir in Sedalia. This could mitigate water losses in the creek and still be considered indirect reuse. Mr. Martin and Mr. Clark indicated this concept would move the end of pipe compliance point for PCWRA to the reservoir and the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) would require a new discharge permit.

INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS UPDATE:

Comments are still needed from the members regarding the new updates to the Rules and Regulations.

INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT UPDATE:

A list of current non-compliant business locations was presented. The list included a location that opened without staff approval, two interceptors that are not functioning properly, and another that is working on funding.

BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION:

The Resolution regarding board compensation was provided, a topic Dir. Marlowe raised in a previous board meeting. Mr. Farrington provided legal requirements for Title 32 and Title 29 regarding individual rights to compensation when volunteering on a board of directors. Title 29 does not mention compensation to board members. The board discussed foregoing compensation for board members who are employees of a member agency while agreeing to compensate volunteer board members. At the direction of the board, Mr. Farrington will draft a new Resolution to update board compensation which will be brought before the board for approval at the next meeting.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Plant Updates

Mr. Martin explained the maintenance department was able to complete the repairs to step-screen number 2 and it is now back in service.

Staff completed TENORM training last week to meet the state registration requirements.

CDPHE Update

Mr. Martin and Mr. Clark continue to participate in the Feasibility Implementation Workgroups. During the meeting on April 17, 2024, the National Water Research Institute (NWRI) offered its services as an independent panel of experts to help determine the feasibility of the newly proposed nutrient standards. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) also gave a presentation on the Sante Fe Wastewater Treatment Plant Life Cycle Assessment (LCA).

Mr. Martin and Mr. Clark attended a Wastewater Summit on April 23, 2024 where Mr. Martin was also a presenter on the issue of discharging versus not discharging. His presentation garnered considerable feedback from multiple entities. He would like PCWRA to collaborate with others to urge the Division, either through legal or legislative means, to re-evaluate the new standards they are proposing.

Mr. Martin is still participating with the Colorado Wastewater Utility Council (CWWUC) on the fee setting stakeholders group.

The EPA released drinking water numerical limits on PFAS and there is concern they could impose the same limits on wastewater dischargers. This also raises concerns about the potential impact on PCWRA's biosolids and reuse. Dir. Marlowe mentioned that AWWA is supporting liability protections for wastewater systems under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

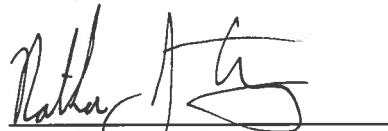
Finally, Mr. Martin informed the board that GEI is still working on estimates for the reuse reservoir and rehabilitation project options. He hopes to have that information for the board at the next meeting. Carollo is also working on estimates for zero discharge piping costs.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Dir. Travis declared the meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.


Nathan Travis, President