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Final Meeting Minutes - Regular Board Meeting
20 April 2023 – EAWSD Online Conference Call – 7:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by President Calzada at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL by Debra Sanderson: Those present were President Calzada, Vice-President Hart, Secretary Yard, Director Burling and Treasurer Roghair. All Directors were present.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Anthony Marino, JACOBS Operations Manager; Steve King, General Manager; Gabe Alvarado, HDR Project Engineer and Technical Lead; Chris Rodriguez, HDR Regional Project Manager and Engineer; Wade Chacon, HDR Senior Project Manager and Engineer; Chris Wolfe, Daniel B. Stephens Hydrogeologist; Anna Mondragon-Metzger; Administrative Project Manager; Debra Sanderson, Administrative Assistant; and (2) guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: 20 April 2023
- President Calzada asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda of 20 April 2023.

MOTION: Director Burling moved to approve the agenda for 20 April 2023. Vice-President Hart seconded the motion.
- No further discussion.
- Vote was 5 to 0 in favor of the motion to approve the agenda for 20 April 2023.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 16 March 2023
- President Calzada asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of 16 March 2023.

MOTION: Director Burling moved to approve the meeting minutes for 16 March 2023. Secretary Yard seconded the motion.
- No further discussion.
- Vote was 4 to 0 in favor of the motion to approve the meeting minutes for 16 March 2023 with one abstention, as President Calzada was not in attendance at this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Letter of Appreciation honoring Ann Jenkins for her outstanding service as a member of the Communications & Customer Service Advisory Committee *J. Calzada*
- President Calzada asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Consent Agenda item as presented.

MOTION: Director Burling moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented for 20 April 2023. Treasurer Roghair seconded the motion.
- Treasurer Roghair requested that a minor edit be made to the Letter of Appreciation which all agreed to.
- Vote was 5 to 0 in favor of the motion to approve the Consent Agenda item, as amended, for 20 April 2023.

REPORTS:

Management Report: *S. King*
- Mr. King stated that water is flowing in the Galisteo Creek, which in turn, has adequately brought the pumping level up in Well #9. He anticipates that the well can now be put into operation sometime next week. Mr. King also highlighted the photo collage attached to the Management Report, prepared by Ms. Mondragon-Metzger to present at a recent Capital Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting, showing the before and after photos of the completed Tank 3 Access Road Improvement Project and the nearly completed Field Workshop/ Garage Project. He added that the contractors for each project have proven to be very professional and have provided a high level of service.

Operations Report: *A. Marino*
- Mr. Marino added to Mr. King's report, stating that putting Well #9 back online would first require working through programming fixes and SCADA set up.
- Based on discussion from last month's Board Meeting, Mr. Marino adjusted the "Gallons by Source" graph: a graph for Santa Fe County was added and inactive wells were removed. He anticipated that the Santa Fe County gallon totals will be higher next month owing to adjustments made at the Tank 4 Booster Pump Station.
- Mr. King addressed Director Burling's concerns regarding disinfection byproducts (DBP's) in Santa Fe County water. He explained that DBP's are typically only a problem in the summer. Additionally, SF County water is being blended 1:1 with well water before it is introduced into the system to ensure that DBP limits are not exceeded,
- Mr. Marino addressed some confusion about the timing of winterizing fire hydrants in the spring. He explained that hydrants are typically winterized from October through March but specific hydrants that don't drain properly are then monitored and receive a monthly check during this same time frame.

TREASURER'S REPORT: *E. Roghair*

- Treasurer Roghair positively noted that the District saw high connection fees due to the number of new meter hookups. The connections were not concentrated in one area of Eldorado and generally do not reflect a pattern in the number of requests the District receives each month.

Legal Update: None *T. Scott*

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- JOE LOEWY, a resident of 6 Monterey Road, spoke on behalf of the COMMUNICATIONS AND CUSTOMER SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCSA), commending Ann Jenkins for the value she added throughout the years she volunteered on the CCSA and to the District. Additionally, he looks forward to HDR's presentation update of the WASTEWATER FACILITY MASTER PLAN and urged the Board to seriously consider and approve the fiscal revisions to the FY2023 budget.

AGENDA

1. **HDR Presentation of Wastewater Master Plan** *G. Alvarado (HDR)*

- Mr. Alvarado began by giving a brief overview of the evening's presentation and introduced his colleagues. HDR completed a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the District which evaluated the feasibility of implementing a centralized wastewater collection, treatment, and beneficial reuse system. He described the key findings of the Sewer Collection System Evaluation which detailed the population size of Eldorado, service area, and topography.
  - Chris Rodriguez (HDR REGIONAL PROJECT MANAGER) described two Wastewater Treatment alternatives for EAWSD to consider. (1) A brand-new treatment facility located in Eldorado at a site yet to be determined; and (2) A discharge facility that would connect to one of Santa Fe County's existing facilities off Highway 14.
  - Chris Wolfe (DANIEL B. STEPHENS HYDROGEOLOGIST) explained Beneficial Reuse Alternatives for EAWSD to use once the wastewater is treated. He noted that the State does require a detailed process for permitting for any project that involves recharge and groundwater discharge.
  - Based on HDR's evaluation, the recommended options for the District to consider were: ALTERNATIVE 2 OPTION - to build a lift station and then pump wastewater to Santa Fe County; and ALTERNATIVE 5 OPTION - building an onsite Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility and groundwater recharge basin. Because of the cost of this project and the complex topography in Eldorado, it was anticipated that it could take approximately 10-20 years to complete and would have to be done in several phases, depending on the availability of funding.
- There was further discussion and a number of questions from Board members which were addressed by the HDR team. It was the consensus of the Board that they will need to collectively review the plan in detail before they can decide how best to proceed.

2. **Consideration and approval of revisions to the FY23 Approved Budget** *S. King*

- Given the late hour, Mr. King did not have anything to add to this agenda item.

MOTION: Director Burling made a motion that the Board approve the Approval of revisions to the FY23 Approved Budget. Secretary Yard seconded the motion.

- No further discussion.
- Vote was 5 to 0 in favor of approving the aforementioned motion.

BOARD COMMENTS:

- Director Burling is grateful to be part of such a well-functioning and supportive Board.
- Vice-President Hart expressed his appreciation for hearing HDR's presentation for the second time and was glad all Board members heard the updated presentation from HDR. He looks forward to a more detailed discussion in a Board workshop setting.
- Treasurer Roghair is proud to be part of a progressive organization like EAWSD and feels there is a chance for EAWSD to lead New Mexico in planning rationally for the future.
- Secretary Yard congratulated Mr. Marino for the recently improved non-revenue water numbers. He suggested that EAWSD consider hosting round-table discussions in the future concerning wastewater recovery.
- President Calzada echoed previous comments that others expressed this evening and added that it would be necessary to make a goal-oriented plan in advance of involving the public in roundtable discussions.

ADJOURNMENT:

- President Calzada adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM.