

MOUNTAIN GREEN SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
 5455 West Old Highway Road, Mountain Green, UT 84050
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
 Wednesday, September 6, 2023 6:00 p.m.
APPROVED

Board Members Present: Chairman Coutts, Nathan Hill, Taylor Nielsen, Zane Gray (absent) Louise Earley.
Employees Present: Jeremy Sorensen (Manager)
Guests Present: Jared Anderson, Bart Smith, Kerry Gibson, Nate Hadley.

- A. **Call to Order:** Chairman Coutts welcomed everyone present to the meeting and then called the September 6, 2023 board meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- B. **Prayer:** Member Nielsen
- C. **Agenda –** Member Hill suggested the Highland Water Company topic be the first agenda item. All agreed.
- D. **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest:** None
- E. **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made to approve the August 2, 2023 minutes as presented

Motion - Hill
2nd – Nielsen

Chairman Coutts	Yay__ x ___ Nay _____
Member Gray	Yay__ x ___ Nay _____
Member Hill	Yay__ x ___ Nay _____
Member Nielsen	Yay__ x ___ Nay _____
Member Earley	Yay__ _ ___ Nay _____ Absent X
Motion Passed	

- F. **Public Comment:** None

Agenda Items

1. Facilities Committee

- a. **Highlands Water Company -** Bart Smith from Highlands Water Company (HWC) had questions concerning what was the plan for connecting to their system, why the District had not applied for a Will Serve and if the District was aware of the Impact fee for connections to HWC. Bart was highly concerned that project has gotten to this point without more discussion/approval of the above topics. Member Nielsen asked several questions concerning system recommendations vs. system requirements and whether connections were needed to service the line and if so where they would be located. Chairman Coutts recommended that a follow up meeting be scheduled to look at available options/solutions and find a mutually beneficial solution.
- b. **Plant Expansion -** There are 17 de-watering wells that have been placed and are operational. Between 16 and 17 pumps are operational at all times. Footings have been poured. A bypass line was increased to 18 inches and a new manhole was inserted to help with access. There was discussion about milestones that were/were not accomplished and what the plan was to get back on track. Budget spent to date is 2% less than budget planned, partially due to 2 milestones not being accomplished. Eleven of 12 milestones shifted 1-2 months. The contractor is still planning to finish on time. September planned activities include pouring concrete walls on the operations building and a headworks to vault pipe installation.
- c. **Electrical Power -** Manager Sorensen reported that Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) is estimating that a larger transformer will take 18 months to arrive for the project. Sunrise is working with RMP to reduce the delivery time and also to connect temporary electrical power for COP de-watering activities.

- d. **Canyon View Lift Station** - Jared reported that things are moving forward on the Canyon View Lift Station with the control panel and generator due to arrive shortly. He is also working with the county inspector so that the lift station can be connected and become operational and the Monte Verde lift station can be decommissioned.
- e. **Val Poll** - Manager Sorensen gave an update on Val Poll. Val requested additional funds because of district delays. Chairman Coutts and Jeremy drafted an email response and stated the district did not intend to pay any additional costs.
- f. **Annexation** - Manager Sorensen reported on an annexation request by the Martindale's. Jeremy reported that the Martindale's have completed the steps needed for annexation. There was Clarification that the request was to only annex the Martindale property.

A motion was made to approve the resolution to annex the Martindale Property into the district boundaries.

**Motion - Grey
2nd - Hill**

Chairman Coutts	Yay	<u> x </u>	Nay	_____
Member Gray	Yay	<u> x </u>	Nay	_____
Member Hill	Yay	<u> x </u>	Nay	_____
Member Nielsen	Yay	<u> x </u>	Nay	_____
Member Earley	Yay	_____	Nay	_____ Absent X
Motion Passed				

2. Lobbyist Report

- a. Kerry Gibson reported on the state funded water optimization grant. There is a total of \$50 million in funding available; with \$25 million in grant funding and \$25 million in loan from DNR with 0% interest. He is hoping to hear within a month on the results. We are hoping for a \$1 million grant which is the highest possible available. Kerry confirmed the final application was submitted a couple weeks ago. Kerry feels hopeful about our chances.
- b. Kerry also reported that Morgan County ARPA funding is mostly allocated but some still remained. Chairman Coutts planned to attend the county commissioner meeting and give them an update on plant expansion construction activity and to request additional funding. Kerry reported that he is currently working on funding sources for next year as well.

3. Fee Working Group

- a. Chairman Coutts reported that members of the facilities committee met with Vance Bostick of WPR and discussed the proposed monthly service fees. Vance agreed with the logic and estimates for the fee calculations but reserves the right to ask for the service fee report to be updated after hard data comes in. The plan is for WPR to pay one quarterly fee.

A motion was made to adopt the WPR Service Fees as presented at the August board meeting by Sunrise.

**Motion - Hill
2nd – Nielsen**

Chairman Coutts	Yay	<u> x </u>	Nay	_____
Member Gray	Yay	<u> x </u>	Nay	_____
Member Hill	Yay	<u> x </u>	Nay	_____
Member Nielsen	Yay	<u> x </u>	Nay	_____
Member Earley	Yay	_____	Nay	_____ Absent X
Motion Passed				

4. Manager Discussion

- a. *There was a discussion concerning when and where the annual Christmas party will be held. The consensus of the board was to schedule it on December 8, at 6:00 pm at the Smoking Box Car in Morgan.*
- b. *Manager Sorensen reported that the new impact fees went into effect on the 16th of August.*
- c. *Manager Sorensen also reported that Heather Burger has resigned. There has been a job opening on our website for months. There is one resume that has been submitted and an interview with that candidate is scheduled for next week.*
- d. *Manager Sorensen reported that he is working on the 2024 budget and truth in taxation for the next year.*
- e. *Manager Sorensen reported that we have 2 open seats on the board and only 2 people filed for candidacy. As such, state law allows MGSID to cancel the election and place the 2 people on the board in January of 2024.*

A motion was made to approve resolution 2023-09 cancelling the election and send the resolution to the county.

**Motion - Gray
2nd – Hill**

Chairman Coutts	Yay__x__Nay_____
Member Gray	Yay__x__Nay_____
Member Hill	Yay__x__Nay_____
Member Nielsen	Yay__x__Nay_____
Member Earley	Yay___Nay_____Absent X
Motion Passed	

5. Executive Committee- Chairman Coutts

- a. *Chairman Coutts reported on the COP/Sunrise/MGSID partnering meeting. Items of note were clarifying the chain of command and issue resolution processes, establishing team member expectations, and establishing payment processes and procedures.*
- b. *Chairman Coutts reported that the attorney for WPR is working on an agreement similar to what is being devised for Snowbasin.*
- c. *Chairman Coutts and Manager Sorensen, having coordinated with district the financial advisor and bond counsel, utilized non-DWQ or CIB funds to make initial payments to COP, as work has been going on for four months with no payments. The funds will be reimbursed to the district account once the DWQ and CIB funds are released.*

A motion was made to Approve Payments applications 1-4 to COP Construction

**Motion- Hill
2nd- Coutts**

Chairman Coutts	Yay__x__Nay_____
Member Gray	Yay__x__Nay_____
Member Hill	Yay__x__Nay_____
Member Nielsen	Yay__x__Nay_____
Member Earley	Yay___Nay_____Absent X
Motion Passed	

6. Closed Session to discuss pending litigation, property purchase or personnel: None

7. Board New Business: None

8. Motion to adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm.

Motion - Hill

2nd – Gray

<i>Chairman Coutts</i>	<i>Yay</i> __ <i>x</i> __ <i>Nay</i> _____
<i>Member Gray</i>	<i>Yay</i> __ <i>x</i> ___ <i>Nay</i> _____
<i>Member Hill</i>	<i>Yay</i> __ <i>x</i> ___ <i>Nay</i> _____
<i>Member Nielsen</i>	<i>Yay</i> __ <i>x</i> ___ <i>Nay</i> _____
<i>Member Earley</i>	<i>Yay</i> __ ___ <i>Nay</i> _____ <i>Absent X</i>
<i>Motion Passed</i>	

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

A motion was made to approve the September 6, 2023 minutes as presented

Motion - Gray

2nd – Hill

	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>Chairman Coutts</i>	<i>x</i>			
<i>Vice Chair Hill</i>	<i>x</i>			
<i>Member Gray</i>	<i>x</i>			
<i>Member Nielsen</i>			<i>x</i>	
<i>Member Earley</i>	<i>x</i>			