

DONALA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Donala Water and Sanitation District met in regular session at the District's office, 15850 Holbein Dr., El Paso County, Colorado on September 22, 2022 at 1:30pm.

Directors Present: Wayne Vanderschuere  
Bill George  
Kevin Deardorff  
Ed Miller  
Ken Judd

Staff Present: Jeff Hodge  
Christina Hawker  
Mike Boyett

Consultants Present: Roger Sams (GMS)  
Linda Glesne

Guests: Jackie Burhans (OCN)  
James Howald (OCN)  
Scott McCulloch  
Tanya Evans

President Vanderschuere called the meeting to order at 1:29pm.

Approval of Agenda:

- Approved.

Public Comment Non-Agenda Items:

- Vanderschuere invited guest Scott McCulloch to the meeting because he has expressed interest in running for the board in the future. Scott has lived in the district for over 20 years and has recently retired from Lockheed Martin.

Review of Minutes:

- Minutes from August 2022 Board Meeting accepted
  - Deardorff motioned to approve, George second, all aye.

Review of Financial Statements and Check Summaries:

- There were questions regarding line items having a zero balance in the budget column. Budgeted amounts are lumped into one line item because previous software did not have as many accounts or detail.
- Approval of financials
  - Judd motioned to approve, Deardorff second, all aye.

FAMLI Act:

- The FAMLI program will ensure Colorado workers have access to paid leave in order to take care of themselves or their family during life circumstance that pull them away from their jobs.
- The board needs to decide by the end of the year, or the district is automatically opted into the program.
- Hodge requests direction from the board on whether the district will participate.
- A percentage would be collected from both the employer and the employee to contribute to the bank of benefit contributions.
- Due to the lack of information on how the program will work and the fact that Donala's benefits already give employee's benefits for these types of situations, the board is leaning toward opting out or doing a hybrid option.
- Vandershuere requests that a meeting be held with the Donala employees to get their input on the program.
- Donala will also do an annual review of the employee benefits package.

#### Guest Comments:

- Customer would like to speak to board regarding high bill.
- Vanderschuere would like to grant permission to let her speak before moving on.
- Customer was concerned with high usage during a 30 period when she has not had high usage in the past. Vanderschuere requests that Hodge and staff research the situation and get back to the customer.

#### Tank Conditions:

- All four tanks have been dived and inspected. Baptist tank came back in the worst condition of the three.
- Due to the conditions of the tanks, Hodge request adding the other two tanks back into the contract for bids.
- It may be better to start on the Baptist tank in irrigation season because the Latrobe tank is harder to take offline.
- Hodge requests that the board approve a budget change and except the addition of the other two tanks.
- Board gives permission to proceed with the changes.

#### Manager's Report:

Well 16A: Well has been tested and can provide 500 gmp in emergency situations. We know what size motor and pump the well needs, but there is a 7-month delivery period.

Radium: The test results for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter came back as non-detect at the Holbein plant. The radium levels are back below the limit and water is going out to the public. We are still in violation until we test below the limits in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter as well.

NMCI: CSU reached back out to us regarding the NMCI. Hodge and the board will meet with them to discuss. Donala wants to keep all options open to make sure we are making the best decision possible for our customers.

Loop: The loop group was awarded four million dollars in grant money. All of the districts need to become one entity to collect the money through reimbursements.

#### Wastewater Report:

- Treatment is well and within permit limits.
- Denali's anticipated rates will increase 25% in 2023.
- Boyett gave a tour to the engineering that will be conducting the cost study for plant operations.
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#### Public Comment:

- None

Regular board meeting adjourned at 3:18pm and moved to executive session.

These minutes are respectfully submitted for record by Christina Hawker on October 6, 2022.