

DONALA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 18, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Donala Water and Sanitation District met in regular session at the District's water treatment facility, 15850 Holbein Drive, El Paso County, Colorado on January 18, 2024 at 1:30 pm.

Directors Present: Wayne Vanderschuere  
William George  
Kevin Deardorff  
Ed Miller  
Scott McCulloch

Staff Present: Jeff Hodge  
Christina Hawker  
Ronny Wright  
Aaron Tolman  
Ashley Uhrin

Consultants Present: Roger Sams (GMS)  
Brett Gracely (LRE)

Guests: James Howald (OCN)

President Vanderschuere called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

Approval of Agenda:

- No changes to the agenda.

Public Comment Non-Agenda Items:

- No public comment.

Review of Minutes:

- Minutes from December 7, 2023, Board Meeting accepted.
  - George motioned to approve, Deardorff seconds, all aye.

Review of Financial Statements and Check Summaries:

- Hodge stated that Donala came in under budget for 2023.
- Hodge discussed that we reviewed for extremely high leaks after the big freeze. Hodge stated we are continuing to push the use of Eye on Water so people can be made aware of the leaks much sooner and can avoid high bills.
- Approval of Financials
  - George motioned to approve, Miller seconds, all aye.

Annual Resolution 2024-5

- One change made – Added Scott McCulloch.
- Approval of Annual Resolution 2024-5
  - George motioned to approve, Miller second, all aye.

Annual Board Meeting Schedule

- No changes made.

- Approval of Annual Board Meeting Schedule
  - Geroge motioned to approve, Miller second, all aye.

General Manager Report by Jeff Hodge:

- Closed session during the Loop Meeting was productive in discussing water rights with partners.
- Loop lawyer and representatives are meeting with Colorado Springs Utilities to discuss how the Loop Authority was formed and to discuss what potential partnerships between different authorities may look like.
- There is discussion of the Loop Authority using the Bailey Treatment Plant to treat and convey the water however the creation of a new plant and conveyance line is still not out of the question.
- Hodge stated that he would not be able to attend the Tri-Lakes Luncheon and would like a member of the board to attend along with Christina Hawker. George or Vanderschuere may attend.
- Hodge discussed that Classic Homes is interested in developing homes off Spanish Bit and would like to use a master meter. The board discussed that they would not allow them to utilize a master meter and each residence would need to be individually metered.

Water Report by Ronny Wright:

- A hydrant was hit by a car in the district. The hydrant is already fixed and Wright has all of the information necessary to bill for the repairs.
- HMO demonstration was completed in November and reports are being fine-tuned by Corona. The State has a Build Design Report prepared and once we are approved, we can begin to implement HMO. It appears it will be 2025 before we receive official documentation from the State showing we are out of violation.
- Working on electrical for Well 16A.
- Tank rehabilitation is set to begin on April 1.

Wastewater Report by Aaron Tolman:

- Pressed a lot of solids out in December.
- BOD was higher in December but that is most likely from the increased solids.
- Angel Muniz is attending wastewater classes.
- No major process issues currently.

Consultants Comments:

- Sams is meeting with Wright about upcoming tank rehabilitations.
- Sams met with electrical company regarding Well 16A.
- Sams stated we may see a nominal rate increase from the Water Commission.
- Gracely attended a webinar about PFAS and what will be done with the remnants of PFAS that have been burned, vaporized, etc. This was not something that people were focusing on, but the focus is back on it now. Will look out for more information on this matter.
- Gracely stated that our application for ASR has been submitted and is currently under review and could mean a sizable amount of money for Donala if approved.

Directors Comments:

- None

Public Comment:

- Howald asked if the new development by Classic Homes would be in unincorporated El Paso County and Hodge confirmed that yes, it would be.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted for record by Ashley Uhrin on February 12, 2024.