

# San Juan River Village Metropolitan District Special Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Carrie Wienckowski, President. The directors present were Dennis Jeffrey, Linda Gundelach and Bill Wittwer. Property owners present were: Rus & Bonnie Weathers and Shawn & Joni Felts. Gene Tautges, Class A Operator, and Tim McRee, Maintenance Operator, were also present. Cynthia Purcell, District Manager, took minutes.

## Other Business:

This special meeting was called to discuss the Small Community Water & Wastewater grant opportunity. The grant is administered by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The intent of the grant is to assist with the planning, design, and construction of public water systems or domestic wastewater treatment works that serve a population of not more than 5,000 people and which are necessary for the protection of public health and water quality. Applications are awarded point values for numerous items such as population size (smaller = more points), median household income (lower = more points), indebtedness (high debt = more points), amount of match (higher match = more points), violations (more issues = more points), etc... The deadline to submit an application is November 16, 2015. All matching funds must be secured by this date. Any money spent on studies, engineering, staff time, etc. is eligible to be used as matching funds as long as the expenses were incurred within the past 24 months. Funding announcements will be made in March, 2016. Applicants that are awarded funds will have 3 years (till March, 2019) to complete their projects.

Gene Tautges presented some talking points for discussion with the board regarding potential projects to apply for. He began by explaining that any regulations that may require wastewater plant improvements, considering the size of this district, are probably 5 to 10 years away. He also emphasized that the state would not take drastic measures, but rather incremental steps, toward compliance.

The board reviewed a wish list that included water items: new infiltration gallery (\$300,000); new 500k gallon water tank (\$750,000), and 4 new membranes (\$15,000). Gene explained that since the existing infiltration galleries are the weakest link in the entire water delivery system, it would seem to make sense to give that project the highest priority. Another gallery similar (but better than the existing two), would go a long way to supplying the treatment plant and water tank with a better quantity of water. Due to the possible lack of availability of matching funds on the water side of things, he suggested delaying the new water storage tank for a few years. The old tank is dated to the late 1950's and has exceeded its design life, but is in fair shape and should last a couple more years. Adding four additional membranes to fill the PALL water treatment plant skid doesn't add capacity to the water plant, but has a couple of other positives and negatives. An alternative to consider might be to add another skid, which the system was originally designed for, and ask for funds to enlarge the water plant. This would add additional space for neutralization and a chlorine contact chamber. The District could build a few bays to store the backhoe and future hydrovac as well. FEI has advised that CDPHE has a new program called DOVE (Disinfection Outreach and Verification). The District may be required to make improvements to the contact chambers. We should know if the next 9 months. This would require more space, thus funding to enlarge the plant could be justified.

The board reviewed a wish list that included sewer items: bridge & lagoon lift station SCADA (\$20,000); and manhole/lift station rehab (\$35,000). Gene thought the SCADA project could be easily justified. Pump stations next to rivers without telemetry are generally looked at with favor due to their propensity to pollute the river. The same goes with the manhole rehab and lift station lining. The state generally looks favorably on anything that reduces I & I and lengthens the life of treatment facilities.

Cynthia reviewed the budget considerations. Essentially, any matching funds for this grant would need to come from the sewer reserve fund. As currently budgeted, the sewer reserve fund would have \$206,000 at the end of 2016. We would have \$34,000 to use as match without dipping into this reserve (\$2,500 already expended on FEI engineering services and \$31,500 already budgeted to complete the manhole rehab/lift station lining). Any additional matching funds would come out of the sewer reserve fund.

The board reviewed the project list, costs and potential percentage of matching funds to contribute. Dennis solicited the audience for any input. After lengthy discussion, Dennis moved to pursue the grant to fund a new water infiltration gallery (\$300,000), expansion of the water plant (\$100,000), sewer bridge and lagoon lift station SCADA (\$20,000) and manhole/lift station rehab (\$35,000); contributing 20%

matching funds, or \$91,000 (\$34,000 already accounted for), expending \$57,000 from the sewer reserve fund. Linda seconded and the motion carried. Gene and Cynthia will move forward with the grant application.

There being no other business, Bill moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Linda seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Purcell  
District Manager