

Board Meeting

Ash Creek SSD

April 24, 2025

Present: Joey Campbell, Justin Sip, Nanette Billings, Richard Hirschi, Clark Fawcett

Staff: Darrel Humphries, Fay Reber, Kayn Cox, Logan Murphy

Audience: Craig Ashcroft, Ruth Hirschi

Prayer and Pledge: Richard Hirschi

Public Comments: None

The board had no conflicts of interest to declare.

The minutes from the March 27, 2025 board meeting were discussed.

Motion by Joey Campbell to approve the March 27, 2025 board meeting minutes. Second by Clark Fawcett. Carried by unanimous vote.

Fay had no legal matters to discuss.

Darrel discussed a couple homeowners near the Confluence Park project that had reached out to the district about some additional cleaning to their pools that they had to do due to the dust being kicked up during construction.

The district has offered them \$1,000.00 which is what the district insurance deductible would be. The homeowners have accepted the offer and agreed that no further action or request for compensation would be requested.

Since the interlocal agreement with Grapevine Wash was approved, 2-3 other developments have reached out requesting similar arrangements. Similar to Grapevine Wash, these developments are in Leeds. Mike has expressed that he does not want to take on Leeds one piece at a time.

One of the developments does not have pipe size sufficient to service the area. The district priced upsizing the pipe from 10" to 12" and the cost would be approximately \$500,000.00. But the district doesn't want to pay for the upsize of an area outside the district.

There was some seepage in Toquerville where they are cutting into the hill for the bypass road. The district tested it and there was no trace of fecal and are unsure of where the water is coming from. That area in Toquerville has quite a few parcels still on septic even though they are in range of active sewer.

Since the district was created, it has allowed existing homeowners to remain on septic systems when sewer becomes available for their property, provided they agree to pay the monthly sewer fee. While state law requires property within 300 feet of a sewer line to connect, the district has not enforced this.

Justin inquired whether it would be possible to require periodic inspections of the septic systems for those who have opted not to connect. Darrel explained that there isn't really an effective way to enforce inspections, and some systems go unchecked for many years.

The district is seeking guidance from the board on whether it should begin requiring these residents to connect. Nanette expressed that she does not want to strongarm residents into connecting but, since they are already paying the monthly fee, she would like to explore what the district can do to assist them in making the connect.

Darrel noted that these homeowners have not been charged an impact fee, but one would be required when they decide to connect. The district has already discussed some potential solutions to encourage and facilitate connection, such as:

1. Having homeowners sign an agreement to connect under one of the following conditions:
 - Within 10 years of the agreement
 - Upon sale of the home
 - Upon septic system failure
2. Using the monthly sewer fees they have paid over time to help offset installation costs. However, the impact fee would still be required at the time of connection.

Darrel said he would discuss with Mike and bring it back to the board.

Darrel gave an update about the Confluence Park project. A group from the WEAU conference will be doing a tour of the facility.

The Virgin pipeline project is going well. The state is giving the district a grant for the design of the project.

The Zion National Park sewer pump station designs are almost finished. They would like to do construction this summer and we will turn over inspection and project management over to the engineers.

Motion to adjourn at 6:29pm.