

Ash Creek SSD

Board Meeting

January 25, 2024

Present: Richard Hirschi, Kelly Wilson, Justin Sip, David Hirschi, Joey Campbell, Nanette Billings (virtual)

Staff: Mike Chandler, Fay Reber, Darrel Humphries, Matt Goodrich, Kim Spendlove, Kavyn Cox

Audience: Yvonne Spendlove, Jon Dimond

Prayer and Pledge: Matt Goodrich

Public comments: None

No conflicts of interest to declare.

The minutes from the December 12, 2023, meeting were discussed.

**Motion** by Justin Sip to approve the December 12, 2023, meeting minutes. Second by David Hirschi. Carried by unanimous vote.

Fay had no legal matters to discuss.

Kelly discussed a change in the board chair. The chairman position changes every two years with each city taking a turn. Kelly Wilson, from LaVerkin, has been the chair for the previous two years and it is now Hurricane's turn.

**Motion** by Kelly Wilson to have Nanette Billings be the board chair for the next two year period. Second by Justin Sip. Carried by unanimous vote.

**Motion** by Kelly Wilson to have David Hirschi act as chair pro-tem. Second by Joey Campbell. Carried by unanimous vote.

Darrel discussed the full 2023 budget. Expenditures and revenues were discussed. He reviewed the operational budget and impact fee income from 2023. Darrel also presented the five-year comparison for revenue and expenditure. Total growth for 2023 was about 3.6% which is down from the previous couple of years.

Darrel presented some of the work the district employees have been doing at the lagoons. A couple of years ago the district got a quote to have an outside company come and clean the sludge out of the ponds. The sludge can take up a significant amount of space in the ponds. The company quoted about \$1 million. The district made the decision to do it themselves and has saved a significant amount of money by doing so.

Darrel requested board approval for a 12-month extension on the increased investment cap amounts approved in 2023.

**Motion** by Justin Sip to approve a 12-month extension on the \$5 million put into investment in 2023. Second by Richard Hirschi. Carried by unanimous vote.

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Darrel reviewed the Fraud Risk Assessment form. The district is considered low risk. Darrel requested board approval.

**Motion** by David Hirschi to approve the Fraud Risk Assessment form. Second by Justin Sip. Carried by unanimous vote.

Mike talked about a wage increase for Kieron Brown, one of the districts farm laborers. Mike and the board agreed to increase his wage to \$17.00 an hour.

**Motion** by David Hirschi to approve the wage increase for Kieron Brown. Second by Justin Sip. Carried by unanimous vote.

Mike requested a donation to Habitat for Humanity of Southwest Utah for the price of a residential impact fee.

**Motion** by Richard Hirschi to approve a donation of \$3,100.00 to Habitat for Humanity of Southwest Utah. Second by Joey Campbell. Carried by unanimous vote.

Mike presented a look-ahead for the Confluence Park project to the board. Temporary utilities, work trailers, etc. have been moved on site. The district expects to see things start to move in early February.

Mike discussed the district's current hiring plans. The district is currently looking to hire two new employees, one to replace an outgoing employee and one to compensate for growth. He also discussed the transition to a two-person on call rotation to keep things more balanced as the treatment plant is in operation.

Motion to adjourn at 7:01pm.