

Ash Creek SSD

Board Meeting

March 28, 2024

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

Staff: Mike Chandler, Darrel Humphries, Matt Goodrich, Fay Reber, Kavyn Cox, Gary Wilcox, Logan Murphy, Kim Spendlove

Audience: Yvonne Spendlove, Jean Krause

Prayer and Pledge: Kavyn Cox

Public comments: None

No conflicts of interest for the board to declare.

The minutes from the February 22, 2024 meeting were discussed.

**Motion** by Justin Sip to approve the February 22, 2024 minutes. Second by Richard Hirschi, Carried by unanimous vote.

Fay updated the board on the fee schedule amendment. All the cities have adopted the resolution.

Nanette asked Fay about the county resident who had an outstanding bill; discussed at the last board meeting. Fay has sent a follow-up letter to the resident, but no further action has been taken by the resident. The district will take further action as necessary.

Mike discussed the resolution, provided by Fay, for the annexation of the Town of Virgin into Ash Creek SSD. Mike recommended to the board the adoption of the resolution and asked if the board had any questions before taking action.

Nanette asked about representation on the board from Virgin. Mike has talked with the county commission, and they informed him that one seat will be given when sewer service has been established in Virgin. As long as the district is just doing septic administration, Virgin will not have a seat on the board.

Nanette asked what the pros and cons are of annexing Virgin into the district. Mike explained that a con is that any city that does not have sewer can be a liability. Any fines associated with a large system overflow would go to the district. It's important for those systems to be well-maintained. On the other hand, a pro to annexing Virgin into the district is authorized growth having a path forward. The district can help provide a bit of order and protect long-term water resources.

**Motion** by Justin Sip to annex the Town of Virgin into the district. Second by Kelly Wilson. Carried by unanimous vote.

Mike discussed the contract for the 700 W Slip-Line Project bid. The company Mocon Pacific was the low bid on the project. The company has requested being able to postpone the work until summer which works for the district.

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**Motion** by Kelly Wilson to approve the bid for the 700 W Slip-Line Project to Mocon Pacific. Second by David Hirschi. Carried by unanimous vote.

Mike discussed the possible approval of upsizing the Sand Hollow Gateway pipeline. The district would only be paying for the upsize, which is a significant savings compared to doing it later. This was not in the budget for 2024 so that would need to be amended later in the year. Justin expressed that he's in favor of spending a lesser amount now even though it wasn't budgeted rather than spending a significant amount more later.

**Motion** by Justin Sip to approve the upsizing of the Sand Hollow Gateway pipeline for no more than \$336,000.00. Second by Richard Hirschi. Carried by unanimous vote.

Mike discussed reimbursement to Toquerville for the Bypass Road improvements. During the course of the project, an estimate was sent to Toquerville and approved by the city but had never gotten back to the district for approval. The district is being asked to pay for asphalt replacement where the district had extended the sewer line down to the Laverkin bridge. The challenge being the district did not see the estimate until recently.

Mike suggested tabling the issue until next month's board meeting so the district has a chance to go out and measure and confirm the amounts being requested.

**Motion** by Justin Sip to table to reimbursement until next meeting. Second by Joey Campbell. Carried by unanimous vote.

Mike discussed the design support request for Zion National Park. Septic systems have failed in many areas of the park, and they are looking to get sewer running to each key trailhead. The county approached the district to help oversee the design of the sewer system to the district's standards.

Mike updated the board on the Confluence Park project.

Mike discussed a number of other projects and developments that will be starting in the near future.

Motion to adjourn at 7:53 pm.