

Ash Creek SSD

Board Meeting

May 26, 2022

Present: Richard Hirschi, Kelly Wilson, Justin Sip, Nanette Billings, David Hirschi and Keen Ellsworth.

Staff: Michael Chandler, Fay Reber, Darrel Humphries, Abby Pulsipher, Kim Spendlove, Logan Murphy, and Gary Wilcox,

Audience: Aaron Anderson and Yvonne Spendlove

Prayer and Pledge: Nanette Billings

Public comments: None

The minutes from the April 28, 2022, meeting was discussed.

Motion by Nanette Billings to approve the April 28, 2022, minutes. Second by Justin Sip. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Aaron Anderson from Bowen-Collins talked about the monthly fees. He had looked at a smaller increase, but it didn't keep the district's reserve funds within the safe area. Mike talked about how the rates needed to be raised to cover the bond payments, replacement fund and the day to day running of the district. Mike talked about the past attempts to raise the rates being rejected because of other city and county rates being increased at the same time. Nanette asked about using the impact fee and a rebate for those lower income people. Mike talked about the state laws for impact fees and the need for an increase to just keep up with the inflation and the coverage ratio for the bond. Kelly thought there were a lot of other avenues to go through to help people pay bills. Justin wanted to also add a section of the bylaws to include a provision that the board do a rate study every year or other year. The board talked about growth and how quickly the plant at the Hurricane Lagoon site might need to be built. Mike wanted to advertise for the public hearing for both the monthly and impact fee. Nanette and David asked that the board continue to look at ways for low income people to not have to pay the increase. The board said to advertise the public hearing for the maximum amounts for both the impact and monthly fee.

Mike talked about the bid of \$210,000.00 for the 100 South project in LaVerkin. It was originally budgeted for \$80,000.00. He asked for a motion to award the project at the bid amount.

Motion by Justin Sip to award the bid for the LaVerkin 100 South project up to \$210,000.00. Second by Keen Ellsworth. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mike asked for approval of a change order for the Toquerville Bypass Road to add armor rock manholes so the district will not need to replace manholes in the state highway in the future. The difference in price for the manholes will be \$160,000.00.

Motion by Justin Sip to approve the reimbursement of the change order up to \$160,000.00. Second by Richard Hirschi. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mike talked about the penstock that was purchased by the Confluence conservation group that is on the district's property. The district was required to purchase multiple properties when buying the land the LaVerkin Pump Station is on. One of the parcels goes to the river and has some

value to both the Virgin River Trust and to some private developers. Mike would like to sell the property to purchase the penstock from the trust.

Motion by Nanette Billings to approve the property as surplus and get an appraisal to establish value. Second by Keen Ellsworth. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mike said they have sent the bid for ground radar on 3000 South to Interstate Rock but haven't heard anything else from them.

All the pipe for the Reach 11 project has been delivered. There will be a pre-construction meeting on June 8th, and work will hopefully start soon after.

The district is working on odor control on some of the new areas of Peregrin Point Subdivision. Moving the odor control closer to Hurricane to get the problem areas.

The district will start the bidding process for general management construction services in the next two weeks. Mike asked if some board members would like to sit in on the interviews. Justin and Richard said they would be willing to help.

Mike is working on a purchase agreement with the treatment plant company to start getting some of the hard to get parts ordered.

Mike talked about the rules of operation update and annexation process that is happening. The public comment period for Apple Valley is happening now at the county level.

Dixie Power has an annual meeting on June 8th. Mike is planning on attending because the district is one of the larger users.

The district is ordering manholes for the 300 west project in Hurricane. They are estimating a six month delivery time. This new gravity line will replace the Peach Pump Station.

Mike talked about the Conservancy District's reuse plan and when they feel like the county will need to start using reuse water.

Nanette gave a report on the Sky Ranch area annexation into Hurricane.

Motion to adjourn at 7:24 PM.