

HAMILTON CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, September 17, 2009
90 Nordic Trail

Attending Board members:

Ann Beauprez	Niel Christensen
Denny Archer	Tom Hand
Lowell Graves	

Others attending:

Bob Polich	Administrator, Mountain Systems, Inc.
Matt Willitts	Water Operator, Water Solutions

President Lowell Graves called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

Minutes. *The minutes from the June 11, 2009 meeting were approved as written. (Hand/Christensen,5-0).*

Water operations. Matt Willitts, Water Solutions, provided a brief operations summary. A lab problem resulted in the Disinfection By-Product sample having to be retested. The results were not yet available. Matt anticipated the quarterly sampling requirement would continue. A solution to the by-products problem might not be possible with the existing water treatment. All routine seasonal maintenance work had been completed except for the PRVs that would be done in October.

Water Treatment. Clear Water Solutions had been contracted for a report regarding the existing water treatment and possible future treatment alternatives. The aspects of the report were discussed including recycling of treatment waste, design standards, treatment backwash, plant location, and daily plant operation. The option of retaining the existing plant site without a sewer connect for the waste by-products was the preferred option of the Board. At this time there was no water treatment emergency, but it was likely in the near future the State water quality regulations would dictate upgrades in the Hamilton Creek water treatment system. An upgrade of the water treatment would be at a substantial capital cost. There likely would be no change in the operations cost. The Board determined the water treatment would need to be upgraded at some point in the near future. The Clear Water report projected a cost of approximately \$700,000. For planning purposes, a working number of \$1,000,000 was being used. *The Board approved a motion to continue with the design of an improved water treatment plant and to investigate financing options. (Hand/Archer,5-0).*

Forest Management. The District had obtained approval for a grant of \$12,000 for fire mitigation forest clear cutting in the water tank area. The projected cost this spring for the work was \$50,000. Based on the current 2009 budget, the Board indicated an authorization to continue with the water tank forest project this year if a bid of \$35,000 or less was obtained. Based on familiarity with the contractors and the quality of workmanship, the Board indicated the contract should be bid by only Alpine Tree Services and A Cut Above Forestry.

Financial Summary and 2010 Budget. Bob Polich, District Administrator, provided the Board via email a financial summary through the eight months ending August 2009, a 2009 year end projection, and a proposed 2010 budget. The budget and financial summary was discussed in detail by line item. The Board indicated the 2010 rates should remain the same. The existing rates were \$125 per quarter. Water usage in excess of 15,000 gallons was charged at \$5 per 1,000 gallons and water usage exceeding 20,000 gallons was charged at \$10 per 1,000 gallons.

Snow Removal Contract. A snow removal contract from Helton Backhoe was received. The cost was the same as the 2008/2009 winter season. *The Board approved a motion to accept the contract from Helton Backhoe for the 2009/2010 winter season. (Christensen/Archer,5-0).*

Water meter replacement. Progress continued on the new electronic water meter system with the intent to start meter installation as soon as possible.

Mail boxes. The District has 39 mail boxes on three pedestals across from the school. All of the boxes were in use and three owners were on a waiting list. *A motion was approved to add a fourth pedestal containing 13 boxes at a cost not to exceed \$1,600. (Beauprez/Christensen,5-0).*

Accessory unit billing. The current policy of the Metro District is to bill accessory units one additional base rate and to bill water based on 15,000 gallons maximum usage. The accessory unit owners argue they should be allowed two minimum water usages that would currently be 30,000 gallons. The purpose of restricting water usage is the limited availability of wet water in Hamilton Creek. The Board did not change the current policy.

Road maintenance policy. There was a discussion of the current road maintenance policy. The District provides all maintenance for any paved road serving two or more homes. Discussed was if there should be some limitation to the road maintenance done by the District and if homeowners should bear more of the direct cost of road repairs on side roads with limited usage. The Board did not change the current policy.

Election. The next Special District election is May 4, 2010. The positions of Denny Archer, Niel Christenson, and Lowell Graves were up for election. As all had served two terms of 4 years, they were term limited from running again for the board.

Next meeting. The next meeting was set for Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 2 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 PM.