

HAMILTON CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Attending Board members:

Tom Hand	Jacque DeLorimier
Ann Beauprez	Chuck Harris
Bill Ferris	

Others attending:

Bob Polich	Administrator, Mountain Systems, Inc.
Matt Willitts	Water Operator, Water Solutions
Ruth Carroll	Hamilton Creek Association

President Tom Hand called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

Minutes. *The minutes from the November 14, 2012 meeting were approved as written. (DeLorimier/Beauprez,5-0).*

Water Operations Report. Matt Willitts of Water Solutions provided the Board with an update of operations. The required annual back flow device inspections for the five homes with devices has been completed. There have been minimal issues with the temporary plant during the winter. The operation was set up to match demand to limit the potential for freezing. Testing requirements in the new plant for the plant discharge required \$6,000 in new instrumentation to be purchased. The disinfection by-products testing in January had good results likely as a result of the “new” water in the system from the continuous pumping. The new plant will allow the introduction of a coagulant that may improve test results in the future. There was an explanation of the settling of solids in the new plant backflow tanks that will need to be disposed of on an estimated 5-8 year schedule. Due to the concentration of metals in the waste solids, special handling and disposal guidelines were required. It was expected the new plant should reduce the amount of time required monitoring water production during spring runoff.

Water Plant Construction. Water production is currently from the new water plant. There are a number of startup issues with the SCADA system, only one of two water filtration units is operational at this time, and there were repairs on various piping leaks in the plant. There was a discussion regarding the expectation the new plant will adequately address water quality testing requirements. Other concerns addressed by the new plant were compliance issues with turbidity caused by the spring runoff and anticipated State requirements for the updates to the old bag filter technology. The construction cost of the new plant was around 2% over budget, but other costs including additional engineering and time requirements by the operators have increased the total cost. The increased cost should be within the 2013 operating budget, but some desired new projects including water line replacement and the adding of a new fire hydrant would not be possible in 2013.

Household Copper Pipe pinhole leaks. The District has become aware of three homes constructed in the 1990’s that have experienced one or more pinhole leaks in their copper piping. Pinhole leaks in copper pipe is a complex nationwide problem. One potential cause is aggressive water. Brilliam Engineering, who did the water plant design, has been requested to investigate

the problem and obtain testing of some sample piping to determine the cause and potential solutions. The District tests for copper as required by the State Health Department and there have been no results indicating aggressive water that would be considered above accepted standards. The District would present the known information to the ownership at the annual meeting in June.

Financial Report. A financial summary for year-end 2012 was provided to the Board. The goal for 2012 was to save \$25,000 in expenses and a total of \$35,000 was saved. The goal for 2013 was to continue efforts to save on operating costs. The additional costs for the water plant can be absorbed in the exiting budget, but there will not be any funds available for other projects. The Board requested on future financial reports the cost of snow removal be separated from total road maintenance reported. The District is projecting a \$20,000 annual decrease in property tax income in 2014 and 2015 due to lowered assessed valuation.

Next Meeting. The remaining meeting schedule for 2013 is June 12th at 3 PM; September 11th at 1 PM; and November 13th at 1 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 2.36 PM.