

PURGATORY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

A joint special meeting of the Purgatory Metropolitan District and the Purgatory Metropolitan La Plata-San Juan Sub-District was held Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at the Purgatory Metropolitan District Community Center. Directors John Ogier, Susan Voorhees and Sharon Henschen were in attendance. Also in attendance Eric Hassel, Amy Ward and David Smith. Attending via zoom was Director Mark Gebhart Engineers Rick Johnson and Matt Mathers and finance officer Frankie White. The special meeting was held to discuss the contractor bids for construction of the wastewater treatment plant.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Contractor Bid Discussion

Eric Hassel reported that the District received two bids for construction of the plant, TKF construction and RN Civil. Eric passed out a matrix to compare the bids to each other to assist in understanding the differences in prices. TKF submitted a bid for \$17,807,629.45 and RN Civil bid \$25,682,000. The biggest differences in price are in contract administration with TKF at \$1,200,000 and RN Civil at \$7,849,649. When those amounts are evened out the differences are in HVAC and odor control areas. These bids are good for 90 days, if we go past that time limit we have to start the bidding process over, our 90 days are up November 29. Both of these bids are higher than our initial engineering cost estimate of 14 million.

Either of these bids are greater than the available cash and loan funds for the project. Eric has started looking into additional sources of funds, we need \$5 million. Eric reported that in order to qualify for additional loan funds for the wastewater plant, we may need to increase our wastewater rates. The board discussed the possibility of moving some portions of the project to next year and phase them in. The board directed Eric to look into other sources of funds, including CO Bank.

John Ogier reported that he has purchased a \$100 gift certificate to a local restaurant for Jim Hards as a thank you for the assistance Jim has provided to John through the summer with employee situations. Mark Gebhart made a motion to approve reimbursing John for the gift certificate. Sharon Henschen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned. Next Meeting: September 20, 2023, at 9:00 am in the Purgatory Metropolitan District Community Center, and October 18, 2023 in the Purgatory Metropolitan District Community Center.