

PURGATORY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

A joint regular meeting of the Purgatory Metropolitan District and the Purgatory Metropolitan La Plata-San Juan Sub-District was held Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at the Purgatory Metropolitan District Community Center. Directors John Ogier, DeeDee Carlson, Susan Voorhees and Mark Gebhardt were in attendance. Mark Gebhardt made a motion to excuse Sharon Henschen. DeeDee Carlson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Also in attendance Eric Hassel, Frankie White and David Smith.

Minutes

Susan Voorhees made a motion to approve the July 12, 2023 minutes. DeeDee Carlson seconded the motion. Motion passed. John Ogier made a motion to approve the July 18, 2023 special board meeting minutes with corrections. Motion was seconded by DeeDee Carlson. Motion passed.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

Eric reported that he has prepared reimbursement request #4 from the CWRPDA loan funds. This reimbursement request is for \$41,559.81 for certain design invoices and expenses related to the construction bid process. DeeDee Carlson made a motion to approve the reimbursement request and to authorize John Ogier to sign the request. Susan Voorhees seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Eric went over the bid process for this month. Bids are due to Rick Johnson by 1:00 the afternoon of August 24, 2023. Amy Ward will create a bid matrix to aid the board in deciding on which bid to accept. Mark Gebhardt asked when we will break ground. Eric explained that we will not know until we accept a bid. Eric explained that if the bid comes in at or below \$13,500,000 we are financially ready to start work. If the bid comes in above that we will need to get additional funds. Eric has started getting information on options for funding the potential shortfall. At this time he feels that a bridge construction loan from CO Bank may be the best solution. If this becomes necessary there are other options the District will explore. The board has a special meeting scheduled for August 30, 2023 at 9:00 AM to review bids received and to choose a contractor.

Management Report

Eric Hassel reported that he has increased the services he would like to have Amy Ward help with, and he has an employment agreement to present to her. Most of those services will be covered in the agreement for \$500 per month. She will also assist with the construction administration for an hourly rate of \$40.00 per hour. DeeDee Carlson made a motion to approve the agreement with Amy Ward. Mark Gebhardt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Eric has interviewed Chris Richardson for the operations manager position. Eric would like to offer him the job. His pay rate for 2023 will be \$60,852.80. Chris will get water and wastewater certifications as he can. He will be available to start the end of September or first of October. Chris will be eligible for health insurance and the new retirement plan after three months of

employment, and will be evaluated at six months. Eric presented his budgeted pay scale for 2024 to the board. The board discussed the rates as outlined.

Mark Gebhardt made a motion to approve the job offer to Chris Richardson. DeeDee Carlson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Eric Hassel went over the trucks available for sale in the area. He has located two trucks in the Durango area, the truck at Tru West is a 2020 F150 with 41,000 miles on it for \$40,494.95. The other truck is at Durango Motor company but it has 96,000 miles for \$42,000. Eric has checked with Vance Fleet Services and they have no trucks for sale and don't expect to have any before the end of the year. The board directed Eric to purchase the truck at Tru West and to sign the paperwork on behalf of the District.

Eric is getting feedback from Canyon Construction, the contractor who does snow removal for the District, that this may be their last year providing that service to the District. We are in year 3 of a 3 year contract. Eric suggested the board be thinking about purchasing some of the equipment Canyon uses on our roads and bringing the job in house with seasonal employees. Nothing needs to be done for this coming winter snow season, but we may need to be ready in a year. The board directed Eric to approach Canyon to see if they will consider another three year contract when this one expires.

Eric reported that some of the street lights on the resort side of the district are no longer working. No one knows where the electricity comes from or if that is the problem. Eric has looked at solar operated lights and has found 4 for \$11,348.69. This would come out of the road budget and can be paid with the sales tax funds.

Financial Report

The board reviewed bills being paid today, Mark Gebhardt made a motion to approve paying the bills. DeeDee Carlson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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