Deer Mountain Sanitary District Meeting
201 W. Main Street Suite 301 & via Zoom
January 3, 2025

President Oz Enderby called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Trustees Enderby, Dan O'Connor, Joe Kosel, John Bailey & Marty Fabens were present at the district office along with water operator Steve Ryan. AE2S Joe Noble, attorney Talbot Wieczorek, & Shari Kosel appeared via Zoom.

Approval of Business Agenda. Motion by O'Connor second by Fabens to approve the agenda. All approved.

Motion by Fabens, second by Bailey to approve the December 13, 2024 meeting minutes. All approved.

Approve Treasures Report. Enderby updated with a balance of $216,283.96. Motion by Fabens, second by O'Connor to approve the Treasurers Report. All approved. Enderby noted our first SRF loan payment is due January 15.

Treasurers 2024 Operations Financial Report. Enderby identified some items on the report to the trustees. This report is posted on our website.

Discussion and Approval of Mainline Change Order #5. Noble explained they have been coordinating with Mainline to get a better understanding of a few items. They have not come to a final resolution on the amount. Noble isn't comfortable presenting a change order at this time.

Discussion of Curb Stop Installation/Replacement Fee. Enderby noted that Mainline has been lobbying for an increase in the amount in relation to the amount for exploration of the remaining curb stops. Enderby noted he has an issue with this because the water operator or outside service finds them. We have 18-20 curb stops that have yet to be located, which puts a total cost of around $85,000. Enderby reminded the trustees that we've had previous discussion about charging the user for the fee or to set a fee. He further noted that in our previous bid, we had curb stops included but had to remove that item when the prices increased more than our loan amount. Noble added it is unknown at this time exactly how many need to be replaced. Enderby added that this year we have reduced our total water consumption by 10 million gallons by replacing the curb stops and improvements we've made to the system.

Update on Automatic System Operation/AE2S/Steve. Enderby said we're having an inflow issue with the automatic system from the L-D Sanitary intake line because it is insufficient at this time to let us turn our system to automatic operation so we've have to remain on the old system until this is resolved. Noble added that we've successfully run the system as it was designed, this isn't a design issue, but an inflow issue supply to our wet well. O'Connor asked Noble if Powder House Pass is having the same issue, and he replied yes, they have significant concerns.

Discussion of meeting with L-D Sanitary/Contract. Enderby set a meeting the L-D Sanitary with himself, Noble and Ryan to discuss a solution to increase the inflow into our wet well. Noble is working on a plan to present. Ryan provided drawings to the trustees with ideas to mitigate. Noble added that L-D was willing to listen to our ideas and he felt it was a good meeting. O'Connor noted that L-D has a contract to deliver so many gallons per minute and right now, they are not doing it. Wieczorek will look at the contract again and will discuss with Enderby what their position is. Ryan commented that L-D said, the water is there, it's up to you to get it. Kosel inquired about the contract.

Discussion of SRF loan status/BHCLG. Enderby said after our last payments, we have no more money in our loan. The remaining portion of the project to be completed is approx $450,000 and we have extended our timeline to completion to August 2025. Enderby is suggesting at this time that we need another loan to complete our project. Enderby reached out to the BH Council of Local Governments and they are confident we can submit the 1st of April. Enderby reminded the trustees we have our annual income from our operations, we have annual income from the property tax. BHCLG will be at our meeting on February 21 to discuss our options.

2025 Operating Budget/Raw Water Rate from L-D Sanitary Effective 1/2025. Enderby said the budget hasn't changed and we've started billing at the new rate the first of January. We haven't run the new system enough to complete the budget with some line items still in question.

Items from the public. Someone asked a question in the chat. "This is too much information, is there a chance for a face-to-face meeting before the next "update"?. Potter joined online and said this is too much and would like to get the documents before and she'd like owners to be able to sit down with the trustees and attorney to ask questions. Enderby replied that we will have a public hearing/meeting before we move forward with another loan. Everyone is invited to our public meetings and we open it for questions and discussion. Enderby further noted that there are many details that need to be confirmed yet. We are open to any input and can schedule a meeting at any time. Potter stated she understands, she would just like the documents before the meeting so she is prepared to ask questions. Kosel noted that all of the documents are available at the district office for anyone to see.

Aberle/Morris Legal Update/Adjourn to Executive Session if needed. Motion by O'Connor at 5:52 p.m., second by Fabens to go into executive session to discuss legal issues. All approved. Motion by O'Connor, second by Fabens to go out of executive session at 6:16 p.m. All approved.

Motion by Fabens to adjourn, second by Bailey. All approved at 6:23 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting 2/21/2025
ADJOURN

Approved 2.21.25

Shari Kosel
Secretary/Clerk/Notary