

# **Somerset Domestic Waterworks District**

## **November 19th, 2024 SDWD Meeting**

### **Call to order at 7:02 PM**

In attendance: Debbie Pennington, Rebecca Drennan, Jacquie Hill, Tigran Bailey, Ilaria Morris, John Mlakar, Steve Lacroix.

Previous meeting minutes from November 4th are approved.

### **Treasurer Report and Preliminary Budget Review**

We currently have \$28,143 in checking, and \$26,445 in savings. We are expecting a few invoices that will bring the balance down, but overall the balance has been increasing each month.

Debbie goes over the Preliminary Budget and opens the discussion for questions. A member asks why the expected reserve is not fourty thousand higher if the total operating expenses are that much lower, and Debbie explains it is because we are budgeting for the loan and matching grants to improve and automate the treatment plant. We are also budgeting higher for the Plant Operations to account for the ORC to get things on track at the plant and with the compliances, but those hours have been minimal.

### **Board Applications**

Debbie explains that those interested in joining the board should email in an application to include the reason for their interest, the skills they can bring, and what they would like to accomplish as a board member. It is also noted that members of the community do not need to be a board member to make an impact, and the board wants to work together with members to improve the community.

### **Water Plant Priorities & Update**

The priorities at the water plant include the CL 17 Analyzer, programming several aspects of the plant to further automate the computer system, along with the other items described in the RESPEC report. It is expected to cost around \$50,000, which after the expected grants would bring it to \$5,000 if the agreement goes through with Gunnison county and we pay the loan on the park.

### **Change of Service Plan Update**

It is discussed that it is not clear whether or not it is possible to modify the service plan without becoming a metro district, in which case we could not take on the park. Debbie explains that in order to move forward, we would need to pay for the special district attorney to further research the situation, which could cost around \$400-800. After discussing whether or not to move forward, the motion to budget no more than \$1,000 to lawyer fees for the research passes unanimously.

## **Grant Report**

The DOLA grant that is due December 1st is on track and almost ready for submission.

## **Office Manager Report & Holiday Schedule**

Ilaria reviewed the accounts that are two or more months behind. Two out of the four have the water turned off. One account is on a payment plan, and the last account has been making payments and the home is under contract. The title company is aware of the balance.

For the holiday schedule: Thanksgiving week the office will be open on Tuesday the 26th from 9am-1pm and closed Wednesday the 27th. Christmas Day the office will be closed. New Years Day the office will be closed, and instead open on January 3rd from 9am-1pm.

## **Setting Next Meeting Date**

There will need to be a final meeting to adopt the budget in December. The meeting date has not been set, proper notice will be given once the date is decided.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 PM**