

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ACADEMY WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT**  
**April 17, 2024**

All participation in this public meeting, including public participation, is being held via SKYPE. For sign on please go to NOTICES on the AWSD website <https://academywsd.colorado.gov/> .

**ATTENDEES VIA SKYPE:**

(X) Steve Callicott	President
(X) Brian Houghtaling	Treasurer
(X) Loring Wirbel	Secretary
(X) Ronald Curry	Director/Webmaster
(X) Linnea Knoerzer	Board Member
(X) Christina Cole	Ops Manager
(X) Albert Hook	Guest

**CALL TO ORDER: Steve Callicott at 6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES:** Loring moves to accept. Brian seconds. Unanimous approval.

**REPORTS:**

**SECRETARY:** Nothing to report.

**TREASURER:**

**BANK ACCOUNTS:**

	<u>February 2024</u>	<u>March 2024</u>
Checking: US Bank	\$ 187,371.00	\$ 217,918.12
Colotrust: Water	\$ 271,665.41	\$ 272,922.62
Colotrust: Wastewater	\$ 642,930.37	\$ 617,776.13

Doing well on budget. Actuals look good through March, will sit down with Ginger and Carla on tracking capital.

Steve asked Brian if he wants to adjust forecast for repairs and maintenance – we are at \$39,000, and the projection is \$56,000. Brian said \$30,514 in repairs that will be accrued to 2023. Not sure if that is a correct way to track it.

**OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT:**

March 21 - Meter Readers completed readings.

March 22 - Met AJ Vela with USG Water Solutions at the plant with Steve. AJ took a look at the filters as a potential bidder for the filter rehab project. Also looked at booster station tanks for repainting/ foundation work.

March 25 - Finished going over monthly meter read data and sent off to Ginger.

March 26 - Received high level alarm at Lift Station, Semocor looked into it and found the float sensors in the Water plant raw water tank to be malfunctioning. This made the plant over-produce water which over flowed to the lift station. The lift station pumps couldn't quite keep up. Semocor repaired the issue.

March 27 - Received several locates along Raton Rd for fibre installation. Completed markings on March 29.

April 1 - Shipped out the Neptune meter we replaced at a home last month back to Neptune, as it was still under warranty. Also took a final meter read at a home. Began going through the new Neptune meters at the plant to make sure they were transmitting, and selected ones for upcoming installation.

April 3 - Met with plumber (Brian Baxter) at 3 different addresses and installed new Neptune water meters.

April 5 - WesTech delivery of parts for filter rehab project.

April 12 - Semocor noted that well pump 3 was only running in Hand, not Auto, they contacted mountain view electric to look into it.

April 15 - Sent our plumber another set of addresses to coordinate more meter replacements. Also reached out to Semocor to get an update on Hydrant flushing, haven't heard back yet. A lot more locate requests have come in this month so I have been busy with those. There have been a total of 20 requests since our last meeting. Steve also wondered about "plant monitoring" that Ginger captured. Brian said that Ginger is taking that from Semocor payments, and that he is breaking into the monthly rate, overtime. Ginger applies overtime to repair and maintenance.

Loring said he was very impressed at the joint work of Baxter Plumbing and Christina's team. Ron said Christina should explain recent leak. A customer found a leak between the district-side valve and the meter. Steve said in a general sense, anything that goes past the curb stop is the customer's responsibility. Ron said if it right at the meter, it's an opportunity to replace the Neptune.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- GIS Mapping Status – Nothing this month.
- Status of Storage Building and Its Insurance Coverage – Brian and Steve met with insurance company (Cathy's replacement, she is retiring in February). Got issues on lift station and storage building. Dealt with radio towers and how tall they are. Cathy wanted cost of replacement. Steve said any need for replacement might warrant switching to Verizon cell service.
- Filter Project – Steve had call with GMS, went out for new bids, got one contractor to bid, went with subcontractor, new estimate came in higher than anyone else's. Will said it's OK to wait for fall, in the meantime, GMS will contact all contractors to see if pricing can improve if project is pushed out to year's end. All parts and material have been delivered, only the sand is still outside.
- Generator Project and Abandoned Lift Station on Tari Place updates – GMS has no update on either subject. A neighbor has a contact with Generact, and the neighbor recommends a natural-gas generator, which has far less maintenance but is a fixed-site generator.
- Schedules for hydrant flush and sewer-line cleaning – Christine said no update from Semocor, but they have not been in the area (for hydrants). Steve has not heard anything on sewer lines from Ben at DRC.
- Core and Main Grant Status – No updates until May.

- Landscaping Bids – Brian said we retained the current provider, Elevate Landscaping. They used to require we have a maintenance mowing 7 times a year, now we go to twice a year, and additional mowings by request at same price. He said Elevate did push back some.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Disclosure of Board Member Conflict of Interest
- PFAS- Loring updated everyone on EPA’s “effective zero” PFAS standards. Testing down to 4 parts per trillion could bankrupt many smaller districts, so EPA is starting with a \$1.5 billion national fund for testing. Brian is attending a webinar this week on EPA funding opportunities and will report back what he hears. Loring mentioned no further money will be coming from Defense Department for communities near Air Force Bases, because EPA has determined PFAS is everywhere in the drinking water.
- And any other issues pertaining to district operations

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:25 p.m.**