

MINUTES
ACADEMY WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
February 19, 2025

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ATTENDEES VIA SKYPE:

(X) Steve Callicott President
(X) Linnea Knoerzer Vice President
(X) Brian Houghtaling Treasurer
(X) Loring Wirbel Secretary
(X) Ronald Curry Director/Webmaster
(X) Stan "JR" Morgan Acting Ops Manager
(X) Albert Hook Guest

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES: Ron moves to approve as written. Linnea seconds. **Unanimous approval**

REPORTS:

SECRETARY: Nothing to report.

TREASURER:

BANK ACCOUNTS: BANK ACCOUNTS:

	<u>December 2024</u>	<u>January 2025</u>
Checking: US Bank	\$ 168,353.48	\$ 136,411.71
Colotrust: Water	\$ 387,923.52	\$ 388,953.89
Colotrust: Wastewater	\$ 657,769.57	\$ 660,297.78

Brian said the year ended with \$239,000 in the black. We were successful in accruing some of the money from Bernard Structures Services. Did not get full \$104,286 in 2024, but partial. Steve had question on Colorado Treasurer Report. Ginger is waiting for December financials while she gets money on property tax info. Brian will wait until Filter #2 is complete before estimating costs of Filter #1.

OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT:

JR – We have been doing many locate requests due to fiber optics going in within neighborhood. Filter project is held up for the valves. We got new tires for the district truck. Steve added we had a handful of meters replaced, not as many as hoped. A snow plow pulled out a manhole cover, which was found and dropped off at Steve's house. The collar for that manhole needs to be rebuilt, which may be expensive. Steve will get a quote. Ron said that 2024 was a lucky year for breaks, so we should be good. Brian said repair and maintenance budget should cover it. JR warned that collar replacement may entail digging and resetting. Total cost could be from \$7000 to \$15,000. Work probably cannot be done before spring, in any event.

OLD BUSINESS:

- GIS Mapping Status – No new status. Ron said the preparation for paving allowed some location, and JR added there were many mistakes in the maps that exist. One manhole was actually in someone’s yard on Tari Lane, and the end of Tari Lane had what looked like a toy fire hydrant, only a foot tall. Ron said the hydrants are the district’s fault, and any inadequate ones are a liability.
- Mountain Peak Controls – Status of SCADA Display Panels Contract – No changes from last month. The display panel is not connected to SCADA so far, Steve has talked to Will and installer about linking to SCADA. In the tanks, the raw water is pumped from wells to holding tanks, where chlorine is added. There are transducers in tanks that measure water depth. We had transducers go out, and they have to be manually replaced. Water tank depth, typically 25 or 26 feet of water, but it was down to 14 to 15 feet earlier this month. It turns out the gas furnace in the building which is temporarily down, so Will and team have placed portable electric heaters in the building. Breaker was tripped, and controls for the water pump were out. Semocor uses phone app to monitor which runs slowly.
- Filter Project – Status of New Contract – Filter 2 has been re-coated, looks good. Mike and Phil have replaced diffuser base, valves, and actuators. One valve had wrong actuator, so Mike and Phil are at stand-still. Old actuator may be preferable if it works, since new one could take until summer to receive. Filter materials replacement needs to be supervised by WesTech, and they can’t arrive until March 18. Will have to figure out what can be in 2025 budget.

Steve said ongoing issue with fiber install is having people doing the work draw water from fire hydrants. Steve had to remind them that such use is stealing, so he worked out a program with the project managers.

- Generator Project - No progress
- Elections 2025 - Ron said notice has been posted on Gazette. February 28 is the self-nomination deadline. If there are no more candidates, the election will be cancelled March 4, and the notice will be March 5. But oaths will not be sworn until after May 6. Steve reminded everyone he is leaving the state May 13, so oaths should be done by then.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Disclosure of Board Member Conflict of Interest
- Tari Drive and Tari Lane Paving – Ron said first of next month he will call to check if they have assigned contractor. When contractor is assigned, JR will work with them to find out how much surface will be raised, and what rings and valve rings need to be ordered. Albert had a question about sagging pavement in easement on Tari Drive. Steve and JR will check.

- HB25-211 - Tap Fee – Ron wants to keep the item on the agenda until state passes or rejects a bill about tap fees. Must comply with any new legislation. Steve said there are few taps to build out anyway.
- Out of District Rates – A customer owns a home on Spring Valley Drive. It's out of district, he's renting the property out. He's getting charged double rates plus fees. Suggest we should go through rules and regs, red-line what should be changed. If we make changes, it must be publicized. A notice could be combined with possible modifications of the budget.
- Internet Service – We have DSL service at plant. \$325 for very minimal data use. Conexon Connect reached out for Fiber Channel-based business, gave a quote of \$79.95 a month if we do three-year lock-in. Only 100Mbits/sec, but we don't have a strong need for it. We have no Internet at booster station, only radio towers that reflect back to water treatment plant. If we can have Internet connection at both sites, we could have more reliable telemetry than from the radio towers. We will have to figure out the additional cost of firewall, etc. We might also consider an Internet connection at lift station – no telemetry there, but something to consider.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:03 p.m.