

**MEETING MINUTES  
ACADEMY WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT  
March 20, 2024**

All participation in this public meeting, including public participation, is being held via SKYPE in conformance with state guidelines, until further notice. 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  
( ) Loring Wirbel        Secretary EXCUSED ABSENCE  
( X) Ronald Curry         Director/Webmaster  
( X) Linnea Knoerzer      Board Member  
( X) Christina Cole        Ops Manager

**CALL TO ORDER: 6pm**

**MINUTES:** Ron reviewed the minutes, found they were accurate and made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Approved unanimously

**REPORTS:**

**SECRETARY:** Nothing new to report. Secretary absence due to medical necessity. Ron is acting secretary for this meeting.

**TREASURER:**

**BANK ACCOUNTS:**

	<u>January 2024</u>	<u>February 2024</u>
Checking: US Bank	\$ 168,763.43	\$ 187,371.00
Colotrust: Water	\$ 270,480.82	\$ 271,665.41
Colotrust: Wastewater	\$ 612,248.99	\$ 42,930.37

**OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT:**

**Monthly Report for Feb.-March:**

Feb 22 - Inventory Priority items were ordered with Core & Main.

Feb 23 & 26 - Met with 2 grass cutting companies "The Grounds Guys of Monument" and "A&R Open Land Mowing" for a tour of the facilities. Both companies sent over quotes afterwards, I am unsure if/ which company we have decided to proceed with.

Feb 28 - Lift station wet well level was increasing to higher levels than normal. Semocor checked on it and suspected the high level float was having issues. They cleaned all the floats to see if this would help the issue and will monitor.

Feb 29 - For the purpose of getting the storage shed covered by our insurance again, I put together an estimate of \$15,000 for the value of the items in the shed. With more inventory on the way, Brian &

Steve decided to raise the estimate to \$30,000 for insurance purposes.

March 1 - Ordered 2 manhole grade rings from Core & Main for the upcoming paving project on Backy Drive.

March 5 - Barnhartt was on site at the shallow wells to install pump savers (these protect the pumps by shutting them off when they sense that there are power issues or no water, and will turn them back on when ok). Found out that they had some time previously installed new relays as well. They said the pumps are working great.

March 5 - Delivery of inventory list priority items as well as the 2 manhole grade rings.

March 9 - Power bump in the neighborhood, received a few alarms but system returned to normal on its own.

March 12 - Met with plumber at 1365 Spring Valley Dr to replace a Neptune water meter. Confirmed new meter working. Spoke with plumber about plans to continue replacing / updating meters in AWSD. Also saw Wyatt from Semocor at the lift station, he was replacing one of the floats in the wet well that was no longer working. We also discussed more about the functioning of the water plant and the issue with the raw water tank transmitter, which was causing quite a few issues. Semocor is working on these. The higher volume of influent to the lift station was caused by the water plant over-producing water due to the faulty raw water tank transmitter. Treated water was over-flowing directly into the lift 1 station.

March 13 - AWSD truck has been updated with current insurance and registration.

March 15 - Booster station communications loss, Steve restored.

March 20 - Meter readers to begin monthly reads. I have also begun working with Ginger and our contracted plumber on getting more Neptune water meters installed again. Ginger is providing me with contact info for homeowners that I will send to the plumber so that they can arrange multiple installs at a time on their schedule.

Locate Requests: We had a total of 4 since the February board meeting. None needed to be painted / marked.. Operations Report (attached)

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- GIS Mapping Status: as snow starts melting maybe we can start walking streets & marking.
- Status of Storage Building and Its Insurance Coverage
- Status of Shallow-Well Pump Project: issues with relays. Water level transmitter seems to be fixed. May still need to replace meter.
- Filter Project: having trouble getting a contractor within price or willing to work with us this Spring; GMS recommending we wait till Fall; Have asked Semocor if we can wait till Fall.
- Generator Project: on hold.
- Abandoned Lift Station on Tari Place updates: no response from GMS yet.
- Schedules for hydrant flush and sewer-line cleaning: no response from Semocor on hydrants.
- Core and Main Grant Status: no response yet; selection by May 2024; Oct 2024 decision, funding in Oct 2024.
- Landscaping Bids: 2 bids – Elevate Landscapes was previous contractor; A& R Open Land Mowing. Brian negotiated between 2; Lending toward A&R quote. After discussion decided to go with Elevate due to their probable more reliability.
- Website ADA Compliance: after Steve/Ron conference with Attorney and review of pdf documents in our website we determined no further action was required. Action closed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Disclosure of Board Member Conflict of Interest
- DRC Acoustic mapping of sewers: Steve reviewed DMS mapping of sewers and explained colored coded ratings of sewer sections. Brian reviewed point that this may be the basis for obtaining better pool coverage insurance.
- Board members are being solicited by scammers requesting money – be aware.
- Linnea questioned what happens when there is a water break; repaving expense is on the board. Homeowner's can come back to board for any costs they may incur due to our break.
- And any other issues pertaining to district operations

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:48pm.**