

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SOUTH DURANGO SANITATION DISTRICT**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Durango Sanitation District was held on September 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at 65 Mercado Street, Durango, Colorado.

Present at the meeting were the following members of the Board of Directors:

Pat Morrissey
Bud Gohn
Judy Campbell
Tom Price

Also present were Dave Marsa, Doug Davis, Rick Johnson and Bud Smith. Stephan Kimball and Tyler Ludwig participated by phone.

The Board reviewed the minutes of August 24, 2023. On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

The Board reviewed and approved payment of the District invoices.

The August 2023 financial statements of the District were reviewed. Year to date revenue is equal to budget projections and expenditures are 50% of budget projections.

The Board discussed the condition of Trestle Lane and drainage. Staff will make minor improvements with District equipment and obtain proposals for making improvements to reduce the drainage problems.

A resume from Tyler Ludwig was reviewed. The Board conducted a virtual interview with Mr. Ludwig for the position of District Manager. Mr. Ludwig advised the Board he was expecting and would consider offers of employment from computer firms

The monthly operations report was presented.

- Effluent quality is good. There are some minor infiltration issues.
- The plant continues to require equipment repairs and replacements.
- The well has been connected. Completion and pump installation reports have not been filed.
- The District has processed 735,000 pounds of sludge this year. It is estimated that the 4' left in the lagoon is approximately 80,000-85,000 pounds.
- The Board discussed developing a long-term plan for sludge processing since landfill disposal may not continue to be a viable option. Rick will begin work on that project immediately.
- The annual cleaning of District lines was completed.
- The fence at the River Oaks lift station needs to be replaced. The adjoining property owner has agreed to share the cost. Staff will take measures to control the pest problem at the lift station.

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Rick Johnson provided a list of engineering projects including finalizing the master plan, biosolids treatment and disposal upgrade, Grandview trunk line access, codes and standards update, update collection system mapping, and develop plant process maintenance and data collection and reporting system. Rick will prioritize these projects and submit prices for Board consideration at the next meeting.

Attorney Smith reviewed the employees accrued benefits report. Staff will work to reduce accumulated comp time.

On motion duly made and seconded the Board approved holding an executive session to discuss negotiations and instruct negotiators pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(e)(I).

The Board returned from executive session. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.