

WEST MONTROSE SANITATION DISTRICT
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
May 15, 2024

The Board of Directors of the West Montrose Sanitation District met at the WMSD office located at 239 Chipeta Road. Michael Monell, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Members of the Board present were Michael Monell, Kristi Harvey, and William Green. Also in attendance were Aaron Brooks, Andres Garcia, and Jeff Brady. Rick Dunlap and William Merrel were excused.

VISITORS : None

PUBLIC COMMENT : None

CORRESPONDANCE : None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Kristi Harvey made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. William Green seconded the motion. Motion carried

CONSENT AGENDA: William Green made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Kristi Harvey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1) Financial & Office – Andres Garcia

- a. Andres Garcia reviewed the bills to be paid for the current month and the petty cash report. Mr. Garcia reported that all the expenditures were standard, except for the annual weed and bug control performed by Pest Away Spraying at the Administration Office and the Intuit/QuickBooks upgrade. Mr. Garcia also reviewed the bills that were paid between Board meetings and the Petty Cash Expenditures.
- b. Mr. Garcia presented the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet through April 2024, or 4 months of the year. Mr. Garcia also discussed the Budget Comparison report for the first 4 months of the year. Mr. Garcia reported that Operating Revenue is at 33%, Non-Operating Revenue is at 52%. Mr. Garcia also reported that the total expenses for Administration, Treatment Plant, and Collections is at 30%.
 - i) Kristi Harvey made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. William Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2) Facility Report – Andres Garcia

- a. Andres Garcia presented the treatment plant section of the Facility report for the month of April, 2024. Mr. Garcia reported that the monthly average influent flow for April was 0.26 MGD, or approximately 37% of the facility's hydraulic capacity of 0.7 MGD, down 1% from last month and up 4% from the same period last year. Mr. Garcia informed the Board that the plant is starting to see a small amount of groundwater infiltration and expects to see a steady increase through the summer months. The monthly average for organic capacity for April was recorded at 20% of the facility's organic capacity limit of 1968 lb./d of BOD up 1% from last month and up 3% from same period last year. Mr. Garcia reported that all lab analysis results for April were within compliance and well below the District's discharge permit limits. All lab results for the winter months show much improved results over previous years due to the major difference in the lack of septage loads added to the system during this winter season. Mr. Garcia presented the April septage totals to the Board. Loads – 16; Gallons – 19,139; Revenue - \$4,784.75.
- b. Mr. Garcia reported to the Board that he and Nathan attended the 2024 RMWQAA Symposium in Blackhawk.
- c. Mr. Garcia reported to the Board that the District had received a complaint from a customer the 538 Chipeta Road was emptying septic tank waste on their driveway. Upon investigation a hydro-vac trailer with the hatch opened and spoils dumped onto ground in the County right of way was discovered. The found material was not septage, but dirty sand like material. Further investigation revealed the trailer is regularly seen at Cactus Carwash off of Woodgate and the resident of 538 is an employee of the business. Mr. Garcia informed the Board that the waste appeared to be material

pumped from their car wash sand trap and would most likely contain oils, petroleum products, antifreeze, and other materials. Mr. Garcia reported that both Montrose County and City of Montrose officials were notified and are working with their legal departments to stop the illegal dumping of material. The dumping of material has taken place at least two times after code enforcement talked to resident requiring them to stop dumping materials.

4) Legal Counsel Report – Aaron Brooks

- a. Aaron Brooks reported to the Board that a motion to approve the West Montrose Sanitation District’s Petition for Annexations was made and the Judge did approve the motion. The Petition for Annexations were recorded with the Montrose County Clerk and copies were given to the Montrose County Assessor and the GIS department.
- b. Mr. Brooks also discussed the Montrose County’s agreement to pay for the damages caused to District’s main sewer line on Marine Road with the condition that the District sign a Waiver and Release. The County’s insurance, CTSI, had denied the claim on the grounds of the Government Immunity Act. Mr. Brooks explained how Government Immunity Act worked and was very happy that the County agreed to pay for the damages.

6) Upcoming Meeting Dates

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| a) SDA Regional Workshop – Clifton | June 11, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. |
| or Durango | June 21, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. |
| b) Board Meeting | June 19, 2024 | 7:00 p.m. |

OTHER:

Andres Garcia informed the Board of a situation concerning a customer on LaSalle Rd. Ghislain & Roberta Turgeon own property at 62790 and 62796 LaSalle Rd that was brought to the District’s attention on May 14, 2024 and needed immediate consideration. A shop on the property was remodeled into a living space prior to the Turgeon purchase of the property. In 1999 after the septic tank failed on the property, the Turgeon properties were allowed to tie into the District’s main sewer line after the purchase of two taps from the District; the third unit was considered an extension to the main address on the property. The Turgeon’s are attempting to sell the property, but Montrose County is requiring them to rezone the property from agricultural to residential and to also identify the shop/living space as a third address on the property. Mr. Garcia recommends that the District grant the Turgeon’s an Amnesty Tap for the third addressed unit on the property and begin billing for a third service charge upon county approval of the rezone.

- i) After Board discussion and consultation with Mr. Brooks, Kristi Harvey made the motion to offer an Amnesty Tap using the notice form presented, for a third residence, number and street address TBD by Montrose County, at the proposed Lot 2 of property owned by Ghislain and Roberta Turgeon on LaSalle Road in Montrose, Colorado. William Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Andres Garcia also reported to the Board that Montrose County is no longer doing physical safety inspections of septic hauler trucks during their annual inspections and have moved to virtual inspections to check for leaking valves etc. In Mr. Garcia’s opinion, Montrose County is not following the outline of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Operation and Maintenance of a Septage Receiving Station Between the District, The City of Montrose, and Montrose County, executed on May 17, 2017. Updated and current County regulations for septic pumping businesses do not follow what was intended by the agreement. Mr. Garcia recommends that the District review the details of the M.O.U. and consider termination of the agreement and work towards ending septic receiving services.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no other business to come before the Board, Michael Monell asked for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting for Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

At 8:20 p.m., William Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kristi Harvey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Andres Garcia