

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CRESTED BUTTE SOUTH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
September 25th, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Crested Butte South Metropolitan District was held Wednesday September 25th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at the office of the District, 280 Cement Creek Road, join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83778240621?pwd=51tIzQXXWCaywZcR8EAFn8IuLQWxbQ.1>
Meeting ID: 837 7824 0621 Passcode: 329571

Board Members in Attendance: Margaret Dethloff – President, Kurt Feltus – Vice President, Tom Hein – Secretary Treasurer, Benita Bellamy – Director, and Steven Smiley – Director

Also present Were: Ronnie Benson - District Manager and Annie Parr - Recorder & Office/HR Manager

I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Dethloff at 6:06 p.m.

II. Public Comment Period

- No citizens presented comments.

III. Approve Meeting Minutes from August 28th, 2024

MOTION by Bellamy and seconded by Feltus to approve the minutes from August 28th, 2024 with the grammatical edit discussed. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. August 2024 Financial Reports and Current Bills

- August's major expenses were Rice Lake West for the wastewater treatment plant expansion construction payment 24 and 25, and Colorado Water Resource & Power Development for the 2009 wastewater treatment plant expansion and the 2010 well #2 loan payments.
- August bills and financials discussed were Rice Lake West for the wastewater treatment plant expansion, Colorado Water Resource & Power Development for the 2009 wastewater treatment plant expansion and the 2010 well #2, Nalco for polymer sludge thickening, Gunnison County Electric and Atmos for electricity and natural gas at District facilities. The Board found all bills and financials discussed to be in order.

MOTION by Hein and seconded by Feltus to approve August's current bills. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Snowplow Purchase for RAM 5500

- The current eight foot snowplow on the RAM 5500 is nineteen years old and is undersized because it was originally mounted on ¾ ton truck.
- Benson would like to purchase a ten foot snowplow to be mounted on the RAM in 2024 with the allocated the funds that were budgeted for the purchase of a dump trailer and crack seal equipment.
- Benson explained if the snowplow is budgeted in 2025 the District would not be able to use it until the 2025/2026 winter because the District could not purchase it until January and the RAM is the

sanding truck and the District could not be without the ability to sand the roads in the winter months pushing the purchase to the spring of 2025.

MOTION by Hein and seconded by Smiley to purchase the snowplow for the RAM 5500 in 2024.
Motion passed unanimously.

VI. 2025 Proposed Budget

- Several expense items shifted to different funds, were consolidated to one fund, and divided over all funds to better represent District operations.
- The Water and Sewer Capital Funds increased tap fee revenue to track as anticipated.
- The District's health insurance policy rose by 13.5%, but overall expenditure in the 2025 proposed budget declined due to changes in employee dynamics.
- The General and Water Fund increased expenditures due to increased operational costs.
- To better maintain roads the proposed budget includes increased expense for road maintenance.
- The Sewer Fund increased expenditures due to the increased operational costs of the wastewater treatment plant expansions. This includes power, heat, sludge disposal, and additional sampling that is required to meet permit parameters.
- In accordance to the capital replacement schedule a new fleet vehicle is budgeted in the General Fund Capital to replace the 2001 Chevy and replacing the pressure reducing valve on Bryant Hill budgeted in the Water Capital Fund.
- The Sewer Capital Fund has \$20,000 budgeted for capital improvements and repairs.
- The 2025 proposed budget has 170,000 in capital expenditures and the total net effect on District reserves would be an increase of \$23,010.
- The Board would like to add the financed payments for the purchase of a roller to improve road maintenance that could be postponed or paid off depending on the performance of the 2025 budget.
- Discussion on the proposed wage increase for 2025 based on the current compensation data and salary schedule. As well as the District's elite benefit package and 4-Day Work Week.

VII. Manager's Report

- Christian Robertson is now certified as a level "C" Water Operator in the state of Colorado and is now the ORC (Operator in Responsible Charge) of the District's drinking water.
- In response to the public comments at the August 28th regular meeting of the Board Benson explained employees and Board Members of the District can participate in committees, the District should NOT spearhead committees that are not within the service plan or scope of work of the District. This being safety related, it is best that residents form the committee and research the topics necessary to promote change. Employees of the District performing the research would be performing work outside of the service plan, which is not best practice. The District can support the committee by resolution of the Board.
- Benson attended the Planning Commission meeting on September 19th, 2023 for what seemed to be the last work session as the commission approved the project for public hearing. StarView will have to submit additional details but there was no request for change to density or other items of the District's concern. The public hearing will be a joint meeting with the BOCC, and the date of the meeting is currently unknown.
- Discussion on future meeting with StarView to discuss buy in and inclusion into the District.

- Benson will be meeting with the District’s Counsel in October to discuss the Crested Butte South Public Road Maintenance intergovernmental agreement with Gunnison County and viable future amendments.
- \$85,950 was collected in tap fee revenue in August.
- The District will crack seal the paved roads starting Monday, September 30th and the repaving project from the bus stop to the intersection of Cascadilla and Teocalli will begin on Monday October 7th.
- The dirt work for pre tapping northern block 6 has commenced.
- There have been no updates with Martin regarding the ADU at 367 Zeligman.

VIII. Adjourn

MOTION by Bellamy and seconded by Smiley to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.



Drafted/Submitted By: Annie Parr