

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
ST. MARY'S GLACIER WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT

HELD

March 31, 2019

The Board of Directors of the St. Mary's Glacier Water & Sanitation District held a special meeting, open to the public, at the Alice School, 271 Silver Creek Road, Idaho Springs, Colorado; at 2:00 p.m., on Sunday, March 31, 2019. Notice of the special meeting was duly posted at least 72 hours before the meeting with the Clear Creek County Clerk and Recorder and in three public places within the boundaries of the District and was posted at least 24 hours before the meeting at the District's designated posting location.

Bruce Hohne	President	May 2022
Glenn Clark	Treasurer	May 2020
Tisha Higgins	Secretary	May 2020
Frank Brown	Assistant Secretary	May 2022
Beth Ramsey	Assistant Secretary	May 2022

ATTENDANCE

Directors in Attendance Glenn Clark, Tisha Higgins, Frank Brown, Beth Ramsey

Directors Absent and Excused Bruce Hohne

Additional Attendees None.

Call to Order The special meeting was called to order by Director Higgins.

Discussion regarding Reason for Study Session The Board discussed its desire to hold meetings in addition to its regular board meetings because the District is engaged in a large and costly improvement project and there is a need to gather for discussion more often than just once monthly. District Engineer, Bob Orsatti had prepared and submitted numerous documents, plans and information, which the Board wished to review and to become familiar with, to at least the extent necessary to make informed and conscientious decisions on behalf of the District and the property owners within.

The Board discussed continuing to schedule and hold such special meetings, to which the public will be invited per statute. Notice of such special meetings will be posted no less than 72 hours prior to the meetings pursuant to statute.

DISCUSSION
ITEMS

The Board discussed the following items:


Director Ramsey reminded the Board that, in signing the loan agreement for the loan of \$3,000,000, the District had agreed to certain terms, per the loan documentation. Such terms included an agreement to address first, any projects which would serve to bring the District into compliance with CDPHE regulations, and to follow the recommendations of the District's engineer. As such, she explained, that the Board had some discretion in approval of segments of the planned improvements to the Distribution System, but that, for the most part, the project had been approved in the form presented to the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority during the loan application process.

Director Ramsey discussed with the Board, her desire to apply to FEMA for grant funds, for those improvements to the systems which related to readiness with respect to various prospective emergency situations. One example discussed was the need to install additional fire hydrants in the subdivision. In order to qualify for such funds under a grant from FEMA, the District would need to become a "Firewise Community," meaning that it would need to complete various measures set out in the Firewise program, after which, it would be possible to submit the application for grant funds. Director Higgins will take the lead on this program and will work to educate property owners on the need to mitigate their properties to the standards specified by Clear Creek Fire Authority. Owners of both homes, and vacant lots will be approached in this regard, and will be encouraged to perform or to hire out mitigation services.

Director Ramsey informed the Board that she wishes to seek additional funding from the Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Program, which is a state resource dedicated to helping communities affected by mineral extraction and processing. She felt that, as the District lies within an historical mining area, it was possible that the District will qualify for funding.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of discussion to come before the Board, Director Higgins made a motion to adjourn the special meeting. Director Ramsey seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.



~~Tisha Higgins, Secretary~~

FRANK BROWN, ASST SEC.