

The Board of Directors of the Left Hand Water District, meeting as the Board of the District and of the Left Hand Water Activity Enterprise, held its regular meeting on November 19, 2020, at the District offices, 6800 Nimbus Road, Longmont, Colorado, via Zoom Video Conference to comply with State's safer-at-home order as part of the COVID-19 outbreak. The meeting was called to order by President Julie Trumpler at 9:02a.m.

Directors Present: Julie Trumpler, President
Dan Lisco, Secretary (joined @ 9:22 am)
Sam Barnsley, Treasurer
Jim Richard, Director
Alan Pratt, Director
Bart Fischer, Director

Directors Absent: Mark Hochhauser, Vice President (excused)

Staff and Consultants: Chris Smith, General Manager
Vicki Santos, Finance Manager
Scott Holwick, Attorney
Adam Delaney, Distribution Manager
Steve Buckbee, District Engineer
Martin Harders, Engineering Tech I
Jordan Tyson, GIS Technician
Tina Conilogue, Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors
Betsy Wheeler, Program Coordinator & Meter Reader

Public Present: Randy Wambsganss, President, Glacier Construction Co., Inc
Aaron Karraker, Vice President, Glacier Construction Co., Inc

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING HELD 10/15/2020

Approval of the Minutes:

Draft minutes of the October 15, 2020, Board meeting were submitted to the Board prior to the meeting.

MSP: *Director Richard moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2020, meeting. Motion seconded by Treasurer Barnsley. Motion carried unanimously (this action occurred prior to Secretary Lisco's arrival).*

SUBJECT: PUBIC HEARING/COMMENT

Construction Water for Homes Impacted by CalWood Fire

Director Richard was contacted by Left Hand Excavating with a request to waive charges for use of hydrant meter water for demolition of homes that were damaged by the CalWood fire. General Manager Smith described the District's standard policy and fees for use of hydrant meter water and noted the District should be mindful of selectively applying those policies and fees. Attorney Holwick concurred with the need to be cautious of setting a precedent. After discussion, the Board agreed via consensus not to waive the standard policy and fees.

MSP: *Director Richard moved to officially open the Public Hearing to discuss setting rates and fees for the 2021 calendar year. Motion seconded by Director Fischer. Motion carried unanimously. Public hearing opened at 9:30 am.*

Public Rate Hearing - Proposed Rates for 2021:

Vicki Santos presented the Board with a memo on proposed rates and fees for 2021s. The Rate Hearing was posted for Public Notice according to District policy. The District did not receive any comments prior to the meeting, nor did the public guests attending the meeting make any comment during the Public Hearing. Discussion.

MSP: *Director Richard moved to close the Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Director Pratt. Motion carried unanimously. Public hearing closed at 10:22 am.*

MSP: *Director Pratt moved to adopt the Water Rate Schedule identified as Option 3 during the Public Hearing for the 2021 Basic Service Fee and Volume Charge rates. Motion seconded by Secretary Lisco. Motion carried unanimously.*

MSP: *Director Pratt moved to adopt the 2021 Tap Fee Component Schedule as presented to the Board. Motion seconded by Secretary Lisco. Motion carried unanimously.*

MSP: *President Trumpler moved to adopt the 2021 Schedule of Miscellaneous Charges and Fees as presented to the Board. Motion seconded by Director Pratt. Motion carried unanimously.*

C-BT Cash-in-Lieu of Dedication Rate Review:

During the rate hearing, Cash-in-Lieu of Dedication Rates for Left Hand Ditch Company shares and Colorado-Big Thompson units were established as being "subject to change due to market rate replacement costs." The Board reviews the cash-in-lieu rates at least quarterly, which included this meeting. Staff presented information that would indicate the current market rate for C-BT is approximately \$60,000. The District's current cash-in-lieu fee is \$40,000, which was the last price paid for a purchase of C-BT by the District in 2019. The Board discussed the need for adjusting the rate to account for an increase in the market rate, while recognizing that the District is not currently looking to purchase additional units. Discussion.

MSP: *Secretary Lisco moved to set the Cash-in-Lieu of Dedication Rate for C-BT at \$45,000 per unit, and to allow the applicants for the taps requested on today's agenda no more than 30 days within which to pay for the taps, if approved, at the current rate; for all other requests, the new rate will be effective immediately. Motion seconded by Treasurer Barnsley. Motion carried unanimously. The Cash-in-Lieu of Dedication Rate for Left Hand Ditch Company shares remained unchanged at \$4,500 per share.*

SUBJECT: TAPS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

Kenneth & Kimberly Bixel – 5117 51st Street, Boulder, CO

This tap request is for an upgrade from the existing 5/8-inch Residential tap to a 3/4-inch Residential tap to account for the addition of a fire sprinkler system that will be installed during construction of a new home. Pressure and flow are available for the proposed upgrade. The tap upgrade will require the payment for an additional 0.5 PIF and 0.5 unit of C-BT. The applicant has requested paying cash-in-lieu of dedication. Discussion.

MSP: *President Trumpler moved to approve an Upgrade to the existing 5/8-inch Residential Tap (Account 112.02) to a 3/4-inch conditional on meeting all requirements and fees required for service. Motion seconded by Director Richard. Motion carried unanimously.*

Cory Peterson/GS Farms LLC – Lot A RE-5065 Weld County, CO

This tap request is for two (2) 5/8-inch Residential taps to serve two proposed houses that will be constructed on a single lot. Pressure and flow are available for the two additional taps on the WCR 5 mainline. The taps will each require dedication of 1.0 unit of C-BT. The applicant has requested paying cash-in-lieu of dedication. Discussion.

MSP: *Director Richard moved to approve two (2) 5/8-inch Residential Taps for Lot A RE-5065 conditional on meeting all requirements and fees required for service. Motion seconded by Director Pratt. Motion carried unanimously.*

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Financial Statements:

Vicki Santos presented the financial reports and payables for the month of October 2020. Discussion.

Bills and Appropriations:

A listing of monthly bills and appropriations was presented for review prior to the meeting. The total payables equaled \$995,652.07.

SUBJECT: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Information Items and Reports:

Treatment, Distribution, Engineering, and Water Management reports were included in this month's packet to provide information related to operations. Discussion.

SUBJECT: NEW BUSINESS

Eagle Scout Service Project – Matthew Bendzel, Troop 67 Longmont

Matthew Bendzel, an Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 67 in Longmont, completed a Service Project on Saturday September 17, 2020. Matthew's project consisted of replacing all of the crushed stone path for the entry garden and the re-mulching of all of the Peterson Water Conservation Gardens at Left Hand Water District's Dodd Office. Matthew was able to put together a group of about 15 friends and family who managed to complete the project in a half day while maintaining social distance by working within family groups in separate areas of the garden. The planning and execution of this project in the midst of the pandemic presented several challenges for Matt and he completed it without any problems.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 am

By,

Tina Conilogue, Interim Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors

Dan Lisco, Secretary