



PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
109 E. INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Board of Directors of The Pueblo West Metropolitan District met at 109 East Industrial Boulevard, Pueblo West, Colorado, on February 26, 2019; at the hour of 6:00 P.M. President Zupan called the Regular Meeting to order.

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. INVOCATION**
- C. FLAG CEREMONY AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, GIRL SCOUT TROOP 35158**

D. ROLL CALL

President Zupan called the roll: Director Mike French, Director Judy Leonard, Director Doug Proal, and Director Matt Smith, and President Terry Zupan were present.

Also present was Nina Vetter, District Manager; Harley Gifford, General Counsel; Laura Savage, Assistant to the District Manager; Jay-Michael Baker, Communications and Engagement Manager; Shawn Winters, Assistant Engineer; Kim Swearingen, Utilities Director; Jeffrey DeHerrera, Deputy Utilities Director; Ken Roberts, Facilities Manager; Todd Hutchens, Fleet Manager; Kim Toman, Senior Accounting Technician; and 14 audience members.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Zupan motioned for the approval of the agenda. Motion was moved by Director French and seconded by Director Smith. Motion unanimously passed.

F. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Marygail Mello, Excise Tax Specialist for the Finance Department; Robert Davis, Mechanic I for the Fleet Department; and Tom Lucken, Facilities Tech for the Facilities Department, were introduced to the Board. Troy Stevens, Plant Operator for the Water Department, was unable to attend.

G. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Cheryl Higdon Holloway, 113 S. Golfview Drive, expressed concerns regarding the need for an aquatic center that would expand beyond recreational opportunities and provide many benefits. Ms. Holloway inquired when an aquatic facility would be built and offered her assistance by serving on a future aquatics committee.

Jason Strickland, 459 S. Avenida del Oro, inquired if he could defer comments until Item K-4 was presented, to which President Zupan granted his request.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Leonard reported on the recent Southeast Conservancy District meeting and discussed that hemp has federally been moved off the controlled substance list, so farmers can now legally receive water for hemp crops. She also reported the Planning Commission board continued the Sun Haven project and a future daycare facility.

President Zupan reported the 50th Anniversary Committee started a calendar of events and invited interested individuals to volunteer.

I. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director French commented on issues with telephone disruptions at Fire Station 3, to which Ms. Vetter noted the issues were directly related to a provider outage.

Director Smith thanked Ms. Holloway for addressing the Board regarding the aquatic center and encouraged her to participate in a future committee.

Director Leonard added that the Board previously visited the Woodland Park aquatic facility. Director Smith discussed Woodland Park's additional revenue sources.

J. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Director Leonard motioned for the approval of the Consent Agenda with the removal of Item J-3 as there was not one provided, seconded by Director Smith. Ayes: French, Leonard, Proal, Smith, Zupan. Nays: none. Abstained: none. Motion carried 5-0.

- 1. FINANCIAL REPORTS**
- 2. DISTRICT MANAGERS REPORT**
- 3. MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, FEBRUARY 4, 2019**

K. OLD BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION 2019-028 A RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL ASSESSMENT PAYMENT TO THE TWIN LAKES RESERVOIR & CANAL COMPANY

Director Smith motioned for the approval of the resolution, seconded by Director French. Ayes: French, Leonard, Proal, Smith, Zupan. Nays: none. Abstained: none. Motion carried 5-0.

2. RESOLUTION 2019-029 A RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT PUEBLO COUNTY’S CONSERVATION TRUST FUND FUNDING ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT FOR APPROVAL

Director Leonard motioned for the approval of the resolution, seconded by Director Proal. Ayes: French, Leonard, Proal, Smith, Zupan. Nays: none. Abstained: none. Motion carried 5-0.

3. UPDATE ON SIEMENS SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

Ms. Vetter noted the project began about two years ago, yet a delay occurred due to awaiting an update on rates from San Isabel Electric Association. Siemens representatives have offered to provide a presentation to the Board, to which the Board agreed would be beneficial.

4. UPDATE ON AVENIDA DEL ORO SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION REQUEST

Mr. Winters reported at the Regular Board Meeting on September 25, 2018 a Citizen’s Comment was received from Jason Strickland in regard to reducing the speed limit between 200 Block and 800 Block of S. Avenida Del Oro E. The posted speed limit on this section of Avenida Del Oro is 45 mph as established by Resolution 797. The Engineering Department conducted an objective speed limit analysis based upon the input from Mr. Strickland and the utilization of widely accepted traffic criteria. Conducted in collaboration with the Pueblo County Sheriff’s Office, data indicated the speed at the 85th percentile is 52 mph and no accidents were reported on this roadway in the last 3-years that were described as being speed related. The FHWA USLIMITS2 Speed Zone Report recommended a posted speed limit of 50 mph. There are four horizontal curves along this roadway alignment that have radii that would support reducing speeds to 40 mph. Based upon the analysis, staff recommended that the speed limit remain at 45 mph and that 40 mph advisory signage be installed at the designated curves in the roadway alignment. A discussion was held on speed limits within Pueblo West, specifically residential areas and their corresponding population density along stretches of roadways with higher daily traffic counts. Mr. Winters volunteered to conduct an analysis on any stretches of roadway as desired by the Board. Jason Strickland, 459 S. Avenida del Oro, thanked Mr. Winters for his patience and noted his professionalism has been full of integrity and transparency. Also, he addressed the perception of the different speed limits along the roadway.

5. UPDATE ON HB 19-1047

Mr. Gifford reported the bill, which would allow a sales tax to be levied for FIRE/EMS, passed the committee unanimously and will be placed on the consent agenda in the Senate. If all goes well, it should be on the Governor’s Desk for final signature. In order to levy the tax, however, Pueblo West voters would need to approve the measure at an election.

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION 2019-030 A RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE INSTALLATION OF THE LIFT STATION #2 OVERFLOW POND SECURITY FENCE TO TAYLOR FENCE COMPANY

Director Leonard motioned for the approval of the resolution, seconded by Director French. Ayes: French, Leonard, Proal, Smith, Zupan. Nays: none. Abstained: none. Motion carried 5-0.

M. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

There were none.

N. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

See Agenda for list.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Zupan motioned to move into executive session and cited item as indicated above. The motion was moved by Director Proal and second by Director French. Motion unanimously passed.

1. §24-6-402(4)(e) C.R.S., DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS AND DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS; SALE OF DISTRICT OWNED PROPERTY

P. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Zupan adjourned the meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2019 at the hour of 6:00 P.M., presently set for the meeting room of the Board of Directors, 109 East Industrial Boulevard, Pueblo West, Colorado.

Secretary

