



PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
109 E. INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018 – 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 March 27, 2018; at the hour of 6:00 P.M. President Leonard called the Regular Meeting to order.

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. INVOCATION**
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

D. ROLL CALL

President Leonard called the roll: Director Barbara Bernard, Director Mark Carmel, Director Terry Zupan, Director Mike French, and President Judy Leonard were present.

Also present was District Manager Darrin Tangeman; Harley Gifford, Legal Counsel; Laura Savage, Administrative Clerk; Jay-Michael Baker, Community Engagement Manager; Scott Eilert, Utility Director; Brad Curtis, Public Works Director; Shawn Winters, Assistant Engineer; Mike Foechterle, Information Systems; Jeffrey DeHerrera; Jim Blasing, Streets and Roads Manager; Dave Cosby, Procurement Director; Tammy Nordyke, Finance Director; and ten audience members.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Carmel motioned for the approval of the agenda with the movement of Item G - Special Introductions ahead of Item F - Special Presentations, and Item G-2 ahead of Item G-1. Motion unanimously passed.

F. SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS

Scott Eilert introduced Markus Becker, Plant Operator Trainee and Marvin Stockton, Plant Operator IV, to the audience as the newest employees of the Utility Department.

Brad Curtis introduced Todd Hutchins, Fleet Manager, to the audience as the newest employee of the Fleet Department.

G. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. CDOT PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

Colorado Department of Transportation Commissioner Bill Thiebaut was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Transportation Commission. He recently seized the opportunity to obtain funding for Highway 50 in Pueblo County which resulted in the three-lane expansion construction efforts currently underway. He is an advocate of constructing a pedestrian access bridge at the Highway 50 and Purcell Blvd intersection. Karen Rowe, Region 2 Transportation Director, currently oversees the expansion project, which was added to a short list created by Senate Bill 267 to provide extra funding for the project. Another option to create extra revenue is to have a future ballot question asking for a state-wide tax increase to fund such projects. Mr. Thiebaut stated it is imperative to acknowledge that over one-third of Pueblo County residents live within the Pueblo West community, therefore he is a proponent of the Highway 50 and pedestrian bridge project. Overpasses at the Highway 50 and Purcell and McCulloch intersections was discussed, and is a future vision for the Colorado Department of Transportation. Ms. Rowe discussed the re-alignment of Highway 50, and stated it is the intent to continue the three-lanes from Pueblo Boulevard to the McCulloch and Purcell Blvd interchanges. Ponds will also be constructed along the highway to assist with water runoff and quality concerns. Senate Bill 257 and the proposed ballot question will fund the aforementioned three lane expansion projects. Ms. Rowe described the local agencies who work in unison to assist with planning and studying transportation needs.

2. CDOT BUSTANG SERVICE TO PUEBLO COUNTY

Jeff Prillwitz stated the Bustang ridership has increased over three years and is looking to expand service in Pueblo County. Bustang is the re-branding of the current intercity bus and rural regional 5311(f) program administered by the Colorado Department of Transportation, which can only be used for rural, intercity bus service. It is 100% Federally funded. Town Halls have been used in outreach efforts along proposed routes to increase the service area via the Outrider, a smaller version of the Bustang. The current fare is \$0.17 per mile. The new buses provide a more reliable service. Updated schedules improve connections and the statewide fare system ensures equity. A previous effort with Kansas Department of Transportation proved to be infeasible, therefore the revamped Bustang service has improved efficiency and increased ridership between Pueblo and Lamar. Future 2018 service routes were presented, as well as new bus shelter locations and phone app for ticket purchases. Mr. Prillwitz highlighted several local partnerships and discussed the future of the Outrider service for communities wanting it. The Board discussed several potential sites for adding service to the community and other stops toward Alamosa. Mr. Prillwitz requested a future discussion to determine a bus stop location.

3. ACTION 22 BROADBAND STAFF REPORT

Mike Foechterle provided a report on a recent Action-22 Broadband Summit where the Community Connect USDA Grant and Connect America FCC Grant funding options were discussed. The Broadband definition, as an Internet connection service, has evolved over the years and Mr. Foechterle discussed the impacts of download and upload speeds. A discussion was held on a lack of consistent Broadband service within the community, the definition of a “rural” area, to which Pueblo West does not meet the criteria, and how neighborhoods are impacted due to lack of technology infrastructure resulting in many underserved areas. Also discussed was other funding and grant options, the need for a Pueblo West specific Broadband strategic plan, and how property taxes could be affected to implement Broadband.

H. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT

At 7:23 pm President Leonard recessed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing. Ms. Nordyke stated that a 2017 budget amendment is needed due to a \$4,400 increase in the Parks and Recreation Donation line item. Once amended, the budget will balance.

Staphanie Catalano requested clarification on the donation sources, to which the reply was donations were received for food baskets, Halloween Bash, and tree program at Civic Center Park.

President Leonard closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:25 pm.

I. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

Chris Wiseman, who received the Democratic Party Nomination for the Pueblo County Commissioner in the November 2017 election, introduced himself and provided an oral public service resume. He is meeting community members to learn more about the County.

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director French reported on the recent Desert Hawk Management Board meeting, noting course rounds are up and several tournaments are scheduled. The course would have broken even in 2017 but several pumps needed repair. Also, a water line break resulted in repairs and new equipment has been purchased. Director French also attended the Road Task Force meeting and reported the County continues to assist with grading, a final IGA with CDOT will be completed, and District 70 has requested an ingress/egress lane by Skyview Middle School on Camino de Bravo. Approximately \$5M remains for SDS funds, and the intent is to improve drainage on Purcell at the large dip just north of Paseo Dorado and widen Purcell from Platteville to Industrial. 1A funds will be used to improve Dillon Drive/Platteville from W. Elizabeth in the City of Pueblo to States Avenue in Pueblo West.

Director Bernard reported the Pueblo Conservancy District responded to a Bessemer Ditch Company request for assistance with a repair.

Director Carmel reported he attended the Action-22 forum on Broadband, and a future forum is set for the subject of energy. He then requested updates on the City of Pueblo’s Offramp Committee.

President Leonard reported on the recent Committee of Architecture meeting where the topic of chickens in R-1 was discussed at length. The Planning Commission approved the storage facility on Spaulding, which will include a residence.

K. DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

Director Bernard contacted Sean Tapia at Pueblo County who then repaired the flagpole at Liberty Point Park.

Director Carmel discussed Pueblo County’s ownership of Liberty Point Park and suggested the District provide flags.

President Leonard reminded the audience of the PMI cleanup on Saturday and to meet at the entrance and Pueblo Blvd.

L. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Director Carmel requested removal of item L-2. Director Zupan motioned for the approval with the afore mentioned item removed; seconded by Director French. Motion carried 4-1.

1. FINANCIAL REPORTS AS PRESENTED

2. DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT AS PRESENTED

Mr. Tangeman reported The Fire Department has responded to multiple mutual aid calls for grass and wildland fires over the last few weeks. The Department assisted the Pueblo County Emergency Services Bureau on the Fort Carson Midway Fire in northern Pueblo County and sent two fire apparatus with four personnel to assist with structure protection and fire suppression. The Department then assisted Pueblo City Fire Department with a wildland fire near the north side Pueblo Walmart in the Fountain Creek drainage where they sent one fire apparatus and three personnel to assist with the fire. The Department has also responded and extinguished a three acre grass fire in Pueblo West in the 600 block of South Spaulding Avenue with assistance from the Streets and Roads Division who provided a water tender and driver to assist with final extinguishment.

Metro District staff met this past week to begin strategic planning to review, enforce and provide mitigation for

excess weeds and vegetation in advance of the spring mowing season. With fire danger being very high, Public Works, Community Development, Parks and the Fire Department discussed options that will reduce the risk of fire danger and keep the community's appearance looking good. Despite the District's limited budget staff will review several courses of action before making a final recommendation to the District Manager.

The Utility Department is monitoring Lake Pueblo "if and when" water storage. We are approaching the April 15 deadline where the water level in Lake Pueblo needs to be at or below flood stage. Pueblo West's "if and when" storage is subject to spill if the flood level is not achieved by then. We currently have 7,000 acre-feet of water in our account and we are exploring all avenues to mitigate spilling a portion of our storage. The Bureau of Reclamation has predicted spilling the last two years, but it appears to be more likely a possibility this year.

Verizon held the third public meeting for a proposed cell tower at Fire Station #2. Approximately 40 residents attended the meeting. A local petition in support of the tower has recently garnered 248 confirmed signatures, but approximately 34 residents have shown opposition, including some that do not live near the proposed site. It is clear from analyzing local coverage that the community needs additional cell tower infrastructure for public safety and improved service. A taller tower with multiple carriers reduces the number of smaller towers required to improve coverage. The law requires a tower to be tall enough to support more than one carrier, so smaller towers would require variance approval. The meeting ultimately garnered resident feedback for resident preference on the best facade for a concealed tower.

Finally, registration is underway for the Tom Sawyer Fishing Derby scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 7. We currently have 70 participants registered for this event.

M. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

N. NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-32 AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2016-92 AND 2016-93 ESTABLISHING BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS BY FUND FOR PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017 AND AUTHORIZING FUND AMENDMENTS

Director Zupan motioned for the approval of the resolution; seconded by Director Bernard. Ayes: Bernard, Zupan, French, Carmel and Leonard. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Motion carried 5-0.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-33 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH LEGACY BANK FOR THE LEASE OF ONE (1) JOHN DEER 872GP MOTOR GRADER

Director French motioned for the approval of the resolution; seconded by Director Bernard. Ayes: Bernard, French, Carmel and Leonard. Nays: None. Abstained: Director Zupan. Motion carried 4-0.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-34 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH LEGACY BANK FOR THE LEASE OF ONE (1) 2018 CHEVY TAHOE SPECIAL SERVICES PACKAGE AND ONE (1) CHEVY SILVERADO, SPECIAL SERVICES PACKAGE

Director French motioned for the approval of the resolution; seconded by Director Bernard. Ayes: Bernard, French, Carmel and Leonard. Nays: None. Abstained: Director Zupan. Motion carried 4-0.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-35 A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE ROOF REPAIR OF TWENTY-FOUR DISTRICT OWNED BUILDINGS TO COLORADO FRONT RANGE ROOFING

Director Carmel motioned for the approval of the resolution; seconded by Director Zupan. Ayes: Bernard, Zupan, French, Carmel and Leonard. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Motion carried 5-0.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-36 A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE REPAIR OF THE DISTRICT'S POOL BOILER AND UPPER MAINTENANCE BUILDING TO COLORADO FRONT RANGE ROOFING

Director Carmel motioned for the approval of the resolution; seconded by Director Zupan. Ayes: Bernard, Zupan, French, Carmel and Leonard. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Motion carried 5-0.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-37 A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE REPAIR OF THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATION BUILDING TO COLORADO FRONT RANGE ROOFING

Director Zupan motioned for the approval of the resolution; seconded by Director Bernard. Ayes: Bernard, Zupan, French, Carmel and Leonard. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Motion carried 5-0.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-38 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDED DISTRICT MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT AND DARRIN TANGEMAN

Director French motioned for the approval of the resolution; seconded by Director Bernard. Ayes: Bernard, Zupan, French, Carmel and Leonard. Nays: None. Abstained: None. Motion carried 5-0.

O. ANNOUNCEMENTS

See agenda for list.

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Carmel left the meeting. Director Zupan motioned to move into executive session and cited item as indicated below. The motion was moved by Director French. Motion carried 4-0 to go into executive session.

1. §24-6-402(4)(E) C.R.S. DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS NEGOTIATIONS RELATED TO WATER SHARES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Q. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Leonard adjourned the meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2018, 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

Approved July 24, 2018