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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

**January 25, 2011**

The Board of Director's of the Pueblo West Metropolitan District met in regular session at 109 East Industrial Boulevard, Pueblo West, Colorado, on January 25, 2011 at the hour of 6:30 o'clock p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** On roll call, Chair Mike French, Director's John Lisi, Chuck Green and Christine McCarthy were present. Director Martin was excused.

Also present were Jack Johnston, District Manager; Judy Leonard, Administrative Assistant; Tom Mullans, Attorney for the District; Steve Harrison, Utilities; Carol Cosby, Parks and Recreation; and 15 citizens.

**MINUTES:** On motion by Director Green, the special minutes of January 5, 2011 and regular meeting January 11, 2011 were approved, vote unanimous.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Members of the Board had been provided with a check register dated January 25, 2011, listing the bills for payment. On motion by Director Lisi noting the large payments, the outstanding bills of \$108,744.08 is approved for payment, vote unanimous.

**DIRECTORS COMMENTS:** Director Green commented on a Pueblo Chieftain article that stated the City Council Members number one priority is the Joe Martinez extension. Director Green mentioned his sentiments for Greg Severance and his accomplishments with the County and Pueblo West and thought he did an extraordinary job. He thanked Mr. Severance for his service to Pueblo County and responsiveness to their needs and Pueblo West as well. Director Green stated Mr. Severance was competent, hard working, honest and will be hard to replace.

Director Lisi briefed the board on a District 70 school board meeting he attended and mentioned there will be more budget cuts. There is another meeting scheduled for February 1, 2011 for citizen input. He mentioned to the board that the Crime Stoppers meeting is tonight at the Pueblo West Library and concerns of issues that have evolved in our community with arrests. He feels there should be something in the community for middle school kids to do with no school on Friday. Director Lisi inquired about the status of a crosswalk by Capistrano and Espanola and why one is needed. He stated he thought the McCulloch project approval was a great thing and corrected the article in the paper letting everyone know there will be light at Joe Martinez and Purcell.

Director McCarthy voiced her concerns over the road conditions in Pueblo West. She suggested to have meetings and a priority list to discuss which roads will be fixed. She would like to see on the 2011 ballot to levy a voter approved sales tax to generate revenue for roads. Director McCarthy reiterated on the crime in Pueblo West and some possible reasons.

Director Green asked Legal Counsel if the sales tax issue could be placed on a 2011 ballot and thought it had to wait until 2012. He mentioned a task force for supporting the issue and how the board could proceed supporting this. Legal Counsel informed the board the ballot issue should be started and questions to the County Clerk as how to proceed for 2011. He will do the language for the ballot with District Manager Johnston's involvement. Direction from some of the board is to go forward and attempt to get this on a ballot for 2011. Legal Counsel stated there is a road priority list at the Public Works building. He explained when funds are available the priority list is used and why a sales tax for roads would be a benefit if passed by the voters. Director Green also feels the voters need to see it as a value added and a specific plan on how that benefits the residents. District Manager Johnston agreed and will get with the streets and roads department for more details for the process and decisions that will have to be made.

Chair French commented on the Road Task meeting he attended on the Joe Martinez Extension and there will be a lot of issues to be resolved.

Director Green expressed his concerns on the Joe Martinez extension and other ways for this to be resolved. Director McCarthy said the Joe Martinez extension will only relieve 13% of the congestion on Highway 50 and thinks for only that small percentage and cost, is not sold on the idea. Chair French said there are other factors considered in the project.

**DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT:** District Manager Johnston updated the board on the easement negotiation with SDS and all paperwork is done. He mentioned the SDS kickoff March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Pueblo Reservoir and further additional water right acquisition discussions. Chair French informed the public that the Metro District received the same reimbursement as any resident would which he felt was fair.

District Manager Johnston talked about the approximately 5.3 mile trail on the north side of Pueblo West construction with the help from the Colorado Springs Utilities contribution agreement. There will be three drainage crossings Pueblo West will have to resolve on this trail in its design. There was also mention of two north side park concepts using SDS and CTF funds being considered with possible grants and touched on the completion of the Sierra Vista Trail. District Manager Johnston updated the board on the vandalism done at Lovell Park by two young girls and caught by their own footprints in the snow. They were turned into the Sheriff department and painted the area they tagged as part of their restitution.

District Manager Johnston said the \$10 million for Highway 50 improvement for Baltimore to West McCulloch is still pending approval and gave an update on Coral Drive and Elbow Drive which will be bid out February 14<sup>th</sup>. Grouse Drive was discussed on how the access to Pueblo Boulevard is being done and other areas in Pueblo West with issues that was shown to him by the roads department. District Manager Johnston did look at the area by Pueblo West High School for a crosswalk and assessed the issues, needs, and design.

District Manager Johnston reported 9 new homes approved from the Committee of Architecture report and 18 accessory structures. The COA has implemented a new procedure for resolving driveway access issues.

District Manager Johnston gave an update on discussions with the County on sales tax initiative and legalities and a joint meeting to discuss economic development on February 17, 2011. District Manager Johnston mentioned attending the Governor's Economic Development meeting on January 16, 2011 and would like a special meeting scheduled for February 2, 2011 to discuss economic development for the District.

District Manager Johnston said the Desert Hawk board position will be reposted by the County in the Pueblo Chieftain and PW View and more discussions with the County reviewing the Intergovernmental Agreement. Legal Counsel explained the process for a board position that there is no requirements only agreement between the County and District. The RFP for the maintenance, greens, kitchen and management for Desert Hawk Golf Course has closed and the County and Board will discuss the applications which were bid out separate for each. Director Green explained the process and is not in agreement with the change in the process and supports the way it was bid out in the past with everything consolidated not separate. Director Lisi voiced his concerns stating the golf course needs to be profitable and changes are needed.

District Manager Johnston mentioned his attendance at local groups starting with Hickenlooper/Garcia inauguration dinner and future dates for the Greater Pueblo Chamber, Latino Chamber, Legislative Day at the Capital, future articles for the View, and Pueblo Commissioners Statutory meeting in Pueblo West, February 1, 2011. There will be controlled burns in the drainage areas for wild land fire protection by the Fire Department and the schedule put in the View. Chair French mentioned the road report on snow removal priority list and thinks it should be in the PW View again and mentioned residents concerns on Purcell with ice and snow removal.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** None

The agenda was amended to remove Resolution 1905 and 1906, vote unanimous.

**PUEBLO CHEMICAL DEPOT:** Mr. Thomas Schultz and Renee Martinez presented a video on the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant process and what will take place as to how the weapon destruction of removal of energetic, mustard agent and neutralization, biotreatment, and disposal of metal parts. The video showed the pilot plant site plan, construction status, systemization, and the Agent Processing Building which will thermally treat empty munitions bodies to ensure residual agent destruction. The video also showed the Biotreatment area and what takes place.

**FEE INCREASES:** Carol Cosby updated the board that pool fee rentals for residents and non residents have not been done in a very long time. She feels this will generate an additional \$725.00 in revenue. She would like to raise the fee from \$125.00 to \$150.00 for residents and non residents \$225.00 to \$250.00. Direction from the board is to do this and a Resolution prepared for February 8, 2011 stating the increases for their approval. Director Carol Cosby explained why she didn't feel the swim pool fees should be raised.

**SAFE DEPOSIT BOX:** The District's policy for accessing the safe deposit box, which holds the District's water share certificates, requires a Resolution passed by the Board of Directors authorizing only two of the following officers to access the deposit box upon entry; President/Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and District Manager. This Resolution is needed to deposit 19.5 shares of Twin Lakes Reservoir and Canal Company.

After further discussion, the Chairman would like the Resolution to be more specific as to who can enter at one time and stated specifically that only two of the named could enter. Legal Counsel commented on one certificate in question and if Mr. Harrison should go to get an inventory of the shares.

**RESOLUTION 1902:** - A Resolution Authorizing Entry Into The District's Safe Deposit Box At Vectra Bank

Director Green made a motion to accept Resolution 1902 with changes made to state specifically who would enter at time of entry, vote unanimous.

**AUDITING PROPOSAL:** This Resolution accepts a proposal from McPherson, Breyfogle, Daveline & Goodrich, PC for professional auditing, accounting and consulting services for the District for the years ending December 31, 2010 thru December 31, 2014. A "Request for Proposals" was solicited for the services by advertising in the Pueblo Chieftain with three responses; McPherson, Breyfogle, Daveline & Goodrich, Poysti & Adams and Bondi & Co. District Manger Johnston gave a brief background on the auditing procedure in the past and cost savings for using one firm.

**RESOLUTION 1903:** A Resolution Accepting A Proposal From McPherson, Breyfogle, Daveline & Goodrich, PC For Professional Auditing, Accounting And Consulting Services

Director Lisi made a motion to accept Resolution 1903, vote unanimous.

**MODIFYING RULES AND REGULATIONS TITLE 4, ARTICLE 11:** This Resolution will modify the rules & regulations of the Pueblo West Metropolitan District Title 4, Article 11. Rates, charges and billings. Questions from the board on the due date grace period and increase in late fees and what can be charged to be in compliance were answered. This information will be made public in the View and bills on the changes for the grace period and allowable fee changes noting the penalty fee will stay at \$5.00.

**RESOLUTION 1904:** A Resolution Modifying The Rules & Regulations Of The Pueblo West Metropolitan District Title 4, Article 11. Rates, Charges And Billings

Director McCarthy made a motion to accept Resolution 1904, vote unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair French adjourned the meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2011, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., presently set for the meeting room of the Board of Directors, 109 East Industrial Boulevard, Pueblo West, Colorado.