



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT AND COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS PUEBLO COUNTY**

October 13, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Pueblo West Metropolitan District met in special joint session at 215 10th, Pueblo, Colorado, in the County Commissioners Chamber 10:00 a.m., October 13, 2011.

ROLL CALL: On roll call Board Members Chair Jerry Martin, Director's Christine McCarthy and Bill Vickers were present. Director Lisi and Director French was excused.

Also present were Jack Johnston, District Manager; Judy Leonard, Administrative Assistant; and Rick Morgan, Public Works; and 5 citizens.

County Commissioners John Cordova, Jeff Chostner, Anthony Nunez, Dan Kogovsek, County Attorney; and Bob Schmidt, Public Works.

Bob Schmidt gave an update on Main McCulloch construction of the median being completed, road closures, and traffic flow changes. Commissioner Cordova voiced his concerns on how confusing the flow of traffic has been diverted and there should be a better design for north and south traffic lanes. Commissioner Cordova said the culvert design at Coral Drive was a good job.

District Manager Johnston mentioned the three change orders on Main McCulloch totaling \$62,000. With the cost reduction for this project of \$75,000 the project is still under \$13,000 budget and ahead of schedule for completion.

Mr. Larry Ordorf asked to address the Commissioners and asked why the County Commissioners voted to keep the median in on McCulloch when the Pueblo West Metropolitan Board voted three to one to remove it, with the County Commissioners making the final decision. He also mentioned his prior discussion with the County Commissioners on this subject and his opposition to the median being in front of his business. He mentioned the calls from Commissioner Nunez saying it was voted out then again later that the median design would stay in. He again reiterated on studies done in other states on why medians are not used because of safety issues. Commissioner Nunez explained that the Pueblo West Metropolitan Board originally voted for the median to stay in then at another meeting three board members changed their minds to take it out. Commissioner Nunez also stated safety issues and what the road standard's for the County and CDOT requires. Mr. Lee Sternal asked for the specific citation in the County Road Standard book on their decision to leave the median in. Mr. Sternal mentioned design safety, savings in cost of removing the median in the design plan, liability, and various oppositions. He also mentioned someone thought the District would be sued for negligence which is not true because the Pueblo West Metropolitan District is a governmental entity and immune from being sued. The Metro Board decided to leave the median in presented in the formal design then changed their minds to take out after concerns from business owners on Main McCulloch.

Bob Schmidt, County Public Works; explained that the design conforms to the 1998 County Road Standards and CDOT. Mr. Schmidt said the median was in the design a year or more ago, meetings were held for community input, and the project was held up so that Pueblo West community and businesses were notified of the project. He handed out information from

the 1998 County Road Standard book at a public meeting and will get the information to Mr. Sternal. Mr. Schmidt did mention there were 12,000 cars per day and not 9,000 and increasing with population. Mr. Schmidt informed everyone to help with flow of traffic there is 300 ft. minimum for left turn lanes from intersections and would not be in compliance if there was a left turn lane in front of Mr. Ordoff's business. Mr. Ordoff said his research was on 24,000 cars which Federal and State studies are not always accepted but based on the standards adopted of entities.

Southern Delivery System project 1041 permit with Colorado Springs Utilities was discussed. The Pueblo West Metro Board asked about the money collected for haul routes for roads in Pueblo West and how much the County will receive from Colorado Springs Utility for these roads used for the pipeline. Bob Schmidt explained that discussions are still taking place on these roads. County Attorney Kogovsek thinks with Pueblo West being a partner on this project should be well informed and if not, should ask for information. Chair Martin said Pueblo West is well informed from CSU but unaware of the additional discussions and money for the roads. Commissioner Chostner said a lot of negotiations have been discussed in an executive session and the County is very protective of the haul roads wanting high standards for better quality roads than when they started the pipeline project. The Commissioners are asking for more contributions than the 6.1 million and demanding the roads to be done correctly. Bob Schmidt said they are still in negotiations and will require high standards for completion of the haul routes in Pueblo West. Commissioner Nunez stated that Mr. Schmidt is doing a great job with negotiations and requirements for the haul route County roads in Pueblo West. Commissioner Chostner reiterated the importance of the roads and wanting them done right by working with CSU to get this accomplished to County standards. Bob Schmidt commented that other projects will be done as well and a study is being done on all the haul routes with SDS wanting to use the easements which was denied.

District Manager Jack Johnston referred to past meetings on the IGA with the County asking Mr. Connors with Matrix Design to come up with figures for financial reimbursement for roads. Chair Martin said the board is not being an adversary but with the H.U.T.F. monies is not enough for maintaining the roads in Pueblo West and feel more disbursement of funds should be available to Pueblo West.

Mr. Ken Connors from Matrix presented figures determined on research from 2009, 2010, and 2011 County budget and these numbers taken off the County website. The Boards were given a handout with his information presented. He explained how the figures were determined, where the numbers came from, backed out what did not pertain to Pueblo West such as bridges, etc., what was spent, and how it was calculated. The figure that was calculated of \$681,000 is an additional amount Pueblo West could ask for in road maintenance. Questions were asked on comparisons to allocations and how it works out. Chair Martin talked about equitable share from the County and then asking the community to kick in by putting a transportation fee on a ballot. Commissioner Chostner has not been an advocate of the IGA and would like to have discussions on the IGA. Commissioner Cordova would also like to discuss, Commissioner Nunez is not in favor of taking all the roads back being a monumental task with existing issues in Pueblo West. Chair Martin would like to see a more equitable funding resource from the County. Suggestions were made to have a work session and discuss the IGA with a date set in the future. Mr. Schmidt said the standards in the County are different than Pueblo West standards and voiced his concerns on issues on the roads in Pueblo West. Further discussion on standards, maintenance, ownership, funding, and other issues will be discussed in a road task meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Cordova adjourned the meeting.