

## CORBETT WATER DISTRICT



### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RATE HEARING

#### HYBRID MEETING: IN-PERSON ~ VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Weds., November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 6:30 p.m. ~ Corbett Fire Hall 36930 E Hist. Col. Riv. Hwy

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dan Graff, Sara Grigsby, Jeff Hargens, Kelly Piper, and Fred Sanchez.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** District Manager Ana Linden, District Clerk Heather McGivney, DRC David Jacob (via Zoom).

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** In-Person: Michael Arion, Gordon Fulks, and Jack Garrison.

#### AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order** – Board President Jeff Hargens called the meeting to order at 6:30pm
- 2. Roll Call** – All Board members present.
- 3. Approval of the Agenda** – Sara wanted to amend the agenda to add a second item to the Public Hearing portion of the Agenda. We need to have an Action to adopt the Ordinance and move forward with the rate increase. Sara moved to adopt the amended Agenda for tonight's hearing, seconded by Kelly Piper. (*motion passed 5 yes votes, 0 no votes*)

#### PUBLIC HEARING

**1. Consider Proposals for Water Rate increases including both the Base and Usage rates, presented as Ordinance 2022.11.30 of the Corbett Water District Water Usage Rate Increase & Base Rate Increase.**

a. Summary of Proposal – District Manager Ana Linden. Corbett Water District is proposing an increase to rates starting with the first billing cycle of 2023. This will include an increase to both the base rate and the water rate. Our current budget won't be able to cover needed upkeep of the filter ponds because the cost of filter sand has risen. We budgeted \$100,000.00 per pond, with a plan to change the sand in one pond per year for the next three years. However, purchasing sand from the approved vendor will cost \$250,000.00 per pond, leading to a budget shortfall of \$150,000.00. The generally high level of inflation has affected other costs as well.

b. Public Hearing – Testimony from the Public. Testimony was heard from Gordon Fulks, Michael Arion, Jack Garrison, Gordon Fulks (again), and Jack Garrison (again).

c. Discussion and questions – Board of Commissioners & District Manager – Fred Sanchez opened discussion on an addendum to include annual review of rates to allow for rate changes. It is decided that they will vote on the rate increase ordinance as is, and then separately move to have annual rate reviews.

**2. ADDENDUM – Vote on a proposed rate increase** – Sara Grigsby moved to adopt the base and usage rates specified in Appendix A of the presentation (attached to minutes) and to adopt Ordinance 2022.11.30 of the Corbett Water District Water Usage Rate Increase & Base Rate Increase. Fred Sanchez seconded the motion. (*motion passed 5 yes votes, 0 no votes*)

-Sara Grigsby moved to implement an annual review of water rates to allow for changes. Fred Sanchez seconded. (*motion passed 5 yes votes, 0 no votes*)

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**READING OF THE ORDINANCE** – Jeff Hargens performed the first reading of Ordinance 2022.11.30 of the Corbett Water District Water Usage Rate Increase & Base Rate Increase. The next reading will be at the Regular Board Meeting on December 20, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING** – Jeff Hargens made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm, Dan Graff seconded. (*motion passed 5 yes votes, 0 no votes*)

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