

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL BOARD MEETNG
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM ~Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Arion, Kelly Piper, Angie Kimpo, Dan Graff

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Sara Grigsby

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: District Manager Ana Linden

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Board President Kelly Piper called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

2. Roll Call – Board members present: Michael Arion, Dan Graff, Kelly Piper, Angie Kimpo, Dan Graff Board member absent: Sara Grigsby

3. Approval of the Agenda – Michael Arion moved to approve the agenda, Angie Kimpo seconded. (*motion passed 4 yes votes: M. Arion, D. Graff, A. Kimpo, Kelly Piper; 0 no votes*)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hiring a Grant Writer

- Ana Linden started to discuss the application process for two grant funding opportunities. The first grant, for hazard mitigation, had a deadline of December 2nd, and the District is awaiting feedback on their application, which would be announced on January 2nd. The second grant, which opened on December 15th, has a pre-application deadline of January 15th.
- Angie said that the application process would be challenging, but did not believe they needed to hire someone for the pre-application. She also offered to assist with the pre-application if feedback from the first one was not favorable.
- The team debated whether to hire a grant writer before receiving feedback on the first application, with Angie suggesting that they should only hire a grant writer after passing the pre-application round. The team agreed to wait for feedback on the first grant before deciding on hiring a grant writer. They agreed to move forward with a firm that has FEMA experience if invited to apply for the grant. Angie and Ana will communicate with the firm about being ready if the grant opportunity comes through.
- Ana discussed the need for a detailed plan for the Larch Mtn Reservoir project possibly involving a civil engineer. Angie suggested involving David Gorman for brainstorming and consulting with a firm for a quick estimate. Ana emphasized the importance of understanding ground conditions, hydraulic grade lines, and environmental impact studies. Angie agreed, noting the difficulty in knowing what to ask for without real work done.
- There was also a discussion about the involvement of Lauri and Angie in the project, with Angie expressing a desire to be fully informed about the project's progress. Ana agreed to keep her informed about future communications and meetings. The team also discussed a previous meeting with OEM, which had already taken place.
- A follow-up meeting of the committee was scheduled for January 3rd or 4th to discuss the feedback received from the first grant application.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – Kelly Piper made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34pm. Dan Graff seconded. (*motion passed 4 yes votes: M. Arion, D. Graff, A. Kimpo, K. Piper; 0 no votes*) The meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm.

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