February 9, 2023 Senior Citizens Center, Mt. Pleasant, Utah

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Those in attendance: Craig Godwin, Don Hunter, David Weber, Roy Fox (water superintendent) Jeremy Fox (certified water operator), Gene Nielsen and Beca Mark via Zoom and many SMR members.

Goal of the hearing is to approve the final 2022 budget and further discuss and approve policy and resolution 2023-1 District System Expansion

Welcome one and all

Motion to open the hearing by David Weber, seconded by Don Hunter, motion carries hearing opened.

1. Hearing
2. Discussion on 2022 final. Budget with 404K expenditures. One-time unexpected expenditures on Thad’s Peak Project engineering and pressure problem repair in B section. Motion by David Webber to accept the final 2022 budget. Seconded by Don. Motion carries. Budget approved.
3. Discussion on Resolution 2023-1 District System Expansion. Many questions from the public, most of which could be answered by the resolution itself, but since most of the public had not seen the proposed policy, they asked for a delay in our action until they had time to review and provide feedback. Motion made to table a vote on the matter so that it can be posted on the SMSSD District website for review and feedback for action at a future meeting. Motion by Dave Webber to close the public budget hearing, seconded by Don, motion carried. Hearing closed.

Motion to open the board meeting by Craig, seconded by Don, motion carries, Board Meeting Opened.

1. Board Meeting
2. Approval of last meeting minutes.

 December 15, 2022, meeting minutes read and reviewed by all board members. No additions or corrections. Don motions to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Dave. Motion Carries. Minutes approved.

1. Approval of financials.

Roy reviewed each of the accounts and balances to date.

Public question regarding our use of 1 or 2 signature checks. We use one given that nobody on the board lives in San Pete County. We’re given the option by state auditor’s policy with over site by our clerk.

Motion to accept the financials as read by Dave, seconded by Beca, motion carries. Financials approved.

1. Impact Fees Structure and Procedure.

Much discussion and many questions regarding impact fees and their application. Board explanation of why they’re there and their application to improve and upgrade the water system and its delivery. With many items on the remaining agenda with one that has a tie in to impact fees, Sweetwater LLC, a motion was made by Don to move any action on application of impact fees to the last item on the agenda to finish the meeting. Seconded by Dave Weber. Motion carries. Impact fees application move to bottom of agenda.

1. Discussion on Thad’s Peak Fill Station Improvement project.

Given the engineers estimate of $466,000, and last spring’s two bids being totally unacceptable, we’re hoping that local San Pete County contractors can provide bids more in line with the engineer’s estimate next month. If that be the case, the bond through the State Drinking water Board is in place to save us $60,000.

1. Discussion on Legacy Sweetwater LLC private water company’s interest in providing water and in ground delivery of water to all lots at SMR in exchange for all of the water assets and water shares and distribution systems of SMSSD. Trent Anderson from the SMR Board took the floor to explain as much information as he had available. Once and if started, completion of the project would take about 5 years. Each lot receiving water for the first time would be required to pay a $3000.00 connection fee and then a year-round monthly fee. Our water assets have an estimated value of approximately 20-22 million dollars.
2. Water system update.

Clubhouse well is down. Waiting for a relay valve and should be back up and running shortly after the part arrives. We have one of our booster pumps with what sounds like a bad bearing. Our budget does not have funds for replacement. We have two pumps, one that is working fine. Thanks to Jeremy & Roy for their diligent oversight to our daily operations.

1. Update on Mecham water connections.

We have a contract with Don Mecham to provide him with water at his expense and him providing the water shares. Much discussion. The county wants SMR to resolve its differences with SMSSD over this issue before they will consider giving him approval on his application.

1. Senior Center folks informed us that we have overstayed our time limit. We have just a few minutes to wrap up.

Dave reintroduced motion for impact fees to be collected at time of building permit. Don seconded. Motion carries. Water impact fees will be collected at time of building permit.

Don makes motion to adjourn the meeting to accommodate the care takers of the senior center. Seconded by Dave. Motion carries. Meeting stands adjourned.