

HAMILTON CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Thursday, September 2, 2004 325 Lake Dillon Drive

Attending Board members:

Kolbjorn Tenfjord
Lowell Graves

Niel Christensen
Dennis Archer

Eddie O'Brien

Others attending:

Bob Polich
Matt Willitts

Administrator, Mountain Systems, Inc.
Water Operator, Water Solutions

President Kolbjorn Tenfjord called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM.

Next meeting. The next meeting was set for Tuesday, November 30, 2004 at 2 PM. The meeting will be at the Silverthorne Library if available.

Minutes. *The minutes from the April 16, 2004 meeting were approved as written. (O'Brien/Tenfjord, 5-0).*

Water operations. High water usage beginning around the 4th of July coupled with low stream flows from the limited snow pack had resulted in concerns with the available surface water. Matt Willitts reported that the surface pumps could not be used if flows dropped below 15 gpm and usage exceeded 15 gpm. The District was close to this point in mid-August before several rainy days helped increase the Creek flow and lowered usage. The Creek had dropped to a low flow of 16 gpm in August. Currently it was flowing at 37 gpm. The District water rights are for 68 gpm. Matt indicated flow was at the lowest during the day and attributed that to evaporation from the sheet flow of the feeder springs. There was a discussion of the Board regarding landscaping water usage and potential options to restrict usage. The District was using the newsletter and email to report low water concerns and request a restriction of water usage. A few users in the District had high water readings, even during the requested reduced usage period. Discussed was a future consideration to have higher water rates for excess usage.

Other than available water in the Creek, Matt reported the surface water system was working well. The system was being run manually as the automatic control system was not operational. The filters in the system could be used for up to two months depending on the time of year. The infiltration gallery needed to be blown out every week in the spring, every two weeks in the summer, approximately every third week in the fall and monthly during the winter.

Matt updated the Board on the problems with the control system that had never worked. Some of the components installed in the system were unable to be set up correctly and the manufacturer had abandoned support of these items. Matt had researched an alternative system from Mountain Peak Controls that would cost approximately \$23,000 to install including materials and labor. A portion of the billing due to the electrician who installed the original system was withheld and Matt indicated the electrician would apply a credit of approximately \$9,000 for the labor and equipment that did not work. The net cost of the control system upgrade would be \$14,000 to \$17,000. *The Board authorized the installation of an updated automatic control system with equipment provided by Mountain Peak Control. (O'Brien/Graves,5-0).*

Matt uses a 185 CFM commercial compressor (trailer type) to blow out the infiltration gallery. The compressor was rented from the local rental company or from another water district when needed. The District would like to acquire a trailer type compressor, preferably a used one in good condition in the future.

Road maintenance. A crack fill of the roads had been approved by the Board in 2003 pending available funds. There were no funds available for the \$8,500 cost in 2003. The work has been mostly completed in 2004, and added to it were crack filling of all side roads, driveway connections to the main road and minor asphalt patching for a total cost of \$20,000. A portion of Crescent Moon Trail was in poor condition and would need asphalt patch work in the future. The Kurlanders had reported damage to their entrance flagstone from the prior year snow removal. The entrance had been hit by the snowplow, but it appeared some of the damage was from original installation problems and normal deterioration. It had been agreed with the Kurlanders for the cost of repairs to be shared equally between the District, the snow plow contractor and the Kurlanders. No alternate bids or interest had been received regarding snow removal for the 2004/2005 season. *The Board authorized acceptance of a proposal from Collard Excavating when received for the 2004/2005 snow plowing with cost and terms similar to prior years. (O'Brien/Archer,5-0).*

Forest Maintenance. A Cut Above Forestry was still scheduled to return to Hamilton Creek to clean up the cut wood on the road side from the clean up day. A Cut Above Forestry surveys the forested area of the District for beetle problem trees in the spring and fall.

Legal. There had been no ruling issued from the District Court on the January 2003 hearing.

Financial. A financial summary through July including a projected year end 2004 was provided to the Board. Additional costs in 2004 for the water control system upgrade, road crack filling and forest maintenance would result in the actual 2004 expenses being greater than budgeted. Also, included on the financial summary was the preliminary 2005 budget. The District had incurred substantial expense in the repair of the water system through 2003 that had been partially funded from Association loans. The District utilized 2004 income to payoff all remaining invoices from the 2003 repair work. The 2005 budget projected retirement of half of the Association loans.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.