

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF BATTLEMENT MESA METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

Held, Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 401 Arroyo Drive,  
Battlement Mesa, Colorado

Call to Order	President Jane Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
Attendance	<p>A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Battlement Mesa Metropolitan District, Garfield County, Colorado was called and held as shown above and in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado, with the following Directors present and acting:</p> <p>Jane Chapman Toby LeBorgne Chris Davidson Shawn McElroy Jerry Mohrlang</p> <p>Steve Rippy, Vinnie Tomasulo, Brenda Locker, and Alex Morris were also in attendance.</p>
Public Attendance	
Notice	Was posted for the meeting.
Quorum	Was established.
Conflict/Disclosures	None
Public Comments	None
October 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes	A motion was made by Director Davidson, seconded by Director Mohrlang to approve the October 26, 2023, regular meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
September 2023 Financial Statement and the Account Manager's Report	A motion was made by Director LeBorgne, seconded by Director McElroy to approve the October 2023 Financials subject to audit. The motion carried unanimously.
Manager's Report	The contractor completed the replacement of the 12' deep manhole located in the right lane of Rainbow Trail in Saddleback Village. This was a challenging project due to the depth of the manhole and the poor condition of the concrete manhole. The area around the manhole had to be excavated and the manhole removed without the manhole collapsing. The contractor did an outstanding job of removing the old manhole and installing the new one. An asphalt contractor was immediately available to repave the street once the excavated area had been backfilled and compacted. The second manhole replacement, which is scheduled as part of this project, is located near the manhole just replaced and is planned to be completed this week.

Mr. Rippy noted that the remainder of his Manager Report would be presented during the consideration of the 2024 annual budget, under New Business on the agenda.

## New Business

President Chapman opened the Public Hearing to consider the 2024 annual budget at 9:15am.

Manager Rippy presented the 2024 budget line items.

No water rate increase was budgeted for 2024. Overall operating expenditures in the water department were increased **1.8%** over the 2023 budget. The largest increase within the water department operating expenditures is attributed to employee-related costs which were increased 3.3%.

The minimum wastewater has been increased by \$2 per month from \$30 to \$32 which equates to a 6.7% increase. Sewer charges to the Town of Parachute will be increased by 8.3% and the total revenue increase from sewer fees for 2024 is projected at 8.2%. Overall operating expenditures in the wastewater department were projected to increase by 3.2% over the 2023 budget. The largest increase within the wastewater department operating expenditures is attributed to employee-related costs which were increased 5.2%.

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Revenues have been projected to be 4% lower than the 2023 budget. This is attributed to utilizing contract services rather than part-time employees for maintenance type services. Expenditures are budgeted to remain relatively unchanged and follow historic trends.

The public works fund primarily pays for the street sweeping of streets in Battlement Mesa. Since 2009 the BMMD has budgeted with the BMSA to provide sweeping of all the residential streets. Since 2018 Garfield County has been contracting with us to provide sweeping of the 4-lane roads in Battlement Mesa. This budget has remained constant over the past 14 years.

After much budget discussion Director Mohrlang made a motion, seconded by Director LeBorgne, to extend the public hearing to December 21, 2023, at 9:00am at the BMMD office at 401 Arroyo Drive. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board directed a letter of notice of the Public Hearing to consider the 2024 annual budget and sewer rate increase to be held December 21, 2023, was to be mailed to all District customers and owners.

Old Business

Director Mohrlang asked about the status of the transfer of the Monument Gulch parcel to the Parachute/Battlement Mesa Park and Recreation District (P/BMPRD). Manager Rippey and Assistant Manager Tomasulo explained that there were additional items to be considered, such as timing of the transfer and potential subdivision of the parcel prior to transfer. Mr. Tomasulo explained that transfer of the parcel could not occur until after May of 2024.

The BMMD website is almost complete. Staff is currently working on adding documents and an Xpress Bill Pay payment link.

Other Business

Executive Session

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

The foregoing constitutes the true and correct minutes of the above referenced meeting and was approved by the Board of Directors of the Battlement Mesa Metropolitan District on December 28, 2023.

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