

APPROVED
May 23, 2024

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Held, Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 401 Arroyo Drive, Battlement Mesa,
Colorado

Call to Order

President Jane Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Attendance

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:

Jane Chapman
Toby LeBorgne
Chris Davidson
Shawn McElroy
Jerry Mohrlang

Steve Rippy, Alex Morris, and Brenda Locker were also in attendance.

Public Attendance

Notice

Was posted for the meeting.

Quorum

Was established.

Conflict/Disclosures

None

Public Comments

None

February 2024
Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Director Davidson, seconded by Director Mohrlang to approve the February 22, 2024, regular meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Feb & March 2024 Financial
Statement and the Account
Manager's Report

A motion was made by Director McElroy, seconded by Director LeBorgne to approve the Feb & March 2024 Financials subject to audit. The motion carried unanimously.

Manager Report

GCFMLD Traditional Grant Approval: The BMMD was awarded a \$95,000 grant from the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District for the purpose of paving the existing gravel road at the water and wastewater plants. The total cost of the project is approximately \$136,000, the BMMD will be contributing the remaining \$41,000.

GCFMLD Mini Grant Approval: The BMMD was awarded a \$24,000 mini-grant from the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District for the purpose of purchasing a portable light bank. The light bank will assist the Utility Department during water or sewer line repairs that occur in the dark hours of the night and/or early morning.

Water/Sewer Plant Operations Manager: We have made some progress in receiving applications in the last couple of weeks. We have received 8 applications. Unfortunately, none of the applicants have experience in water/wastewater operations or the required licensing for this open position.

Street Sweeping: The BMMD has started sweeping streets In Battlement Mesa. The sweeping will include all residential streets and the 4-lane parkways. Dependent on weather conditions, the sweeping should take about 4 weeks.

Irrigation Systems Startup: The BMMD will begin turning on irrigation meters in the common areas, parks and parkway medians beginning May 1st.

Purchase of Pickup Truck: The 2024 budget allowed \$45,000 for the purchase of a 1-ton diesel pickup truck for use by the utility department. The original budget amount was based upon the purchase of an identical truck approximately one and a half years ago. The recent quote received for the truck was \$55,000 for a similar truck and \$64,000 for a truck they have in stock that is an XLT rather than an XL. Mr. Rippy explained to the Board that in addition to the \$45,000 that is budgeted the BMMD has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the FMLD that can be used toward the purchase. The Board authorized the additional funds to purchase a truck including the total of \$64,000 should staff decide to purchase the truck in stock at the dealership.

Manhole Replacement: The BMMD has received a quote to replace two sewer manholes located in Saddleback Village. The two manholes are approximately 40 years old and severely corroded. The cost of replacement is \$60,000.

New Business

Director Mohrlang made a motion, seconded by Director LeBorgne, to approve membership of \$250 to Community Counts. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Davidson made a motion, seconded by Director Mohrlang, to approve a sponsorship of \$500 to Grand Valley/Parachute Kiwanis Foundation 30th Colorado River Scramble Golf Tournament. The motion passed unanimously.

Director LeBorgne made a motion, seconded by Director Mohrlang, to approve Resolution No. 2024-04 to approve the mini-grant agreement with the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District to pave the gravel road at the water and wastewater facilities. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Mohrlang made a motion, seconded by Director McElroy, to approve Resolution No. 20245-05 to approve the grant agreement with the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District to purchase a portable light bank. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Increase Service Fees: A motion was made by Director Davidson, seconded by Director Mohrlang to increase Transfer Fees from \$10 to \$20. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Mohrlang, seconded by Director Davidson to not increase the On-Site Service Fees from \$50. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Director LeBorgne, seconded by Director Mohrlang to increase Water, Sewer & Irrigation Permits from \$50 to \$75 and Bulk Water Permits from \$50 to \$100. The motion passed unanimously.

Summer Youth Work Program: Manager Rippy and Assistant Manager, Morris updated the Board on discussions with Garfield School District 16 representatives concerning possible summer youth work programs that would potentially allow high school students to work for the BMMD during the summer months.

After consideration Mr. Rippy and Ms. Morris recommend that a program with the school not be pursued as a majority of the students would be under the age of 18. In addition, it would be difficult for the BMMD's small staff to supervise these inexperienced students which could pose safety issues.

Mr. Rippy explained that he has had discussions with Utility Director, David Beecraft, for approximately 4 years about the idea of hiring temporary summer employees to assist the water and wastewater staff with many of the necessary summer maintenance. He suggested the BMMD hire one temporary maintenance person for this summer to determine the benefit. This would allow staff to evaluate a potential program for the future that could include additional temporary summer employees.


The Board agreed to allow the hiring of a temporary maintenance employee for the summer of 2024.

Other Business

Director Davidson made a motion, seconded by Director LeBorgne, to approve a sponsorship of \$100 the Grand Valley 5k Community event. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

The foregoing constitutes the true and correct minutes of the above referenced meeting and were approved by the Board of Directors of the Battlement Mesa Metropolitan District on May 23, 2024.


Secretary