

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

Held, Thursday, December 28, 2023, 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, Vinnie Tomasulo, Brenda Locker, and Alex Morris were also in attendance.
Public Attendance	Dan Birrer
Notice	Was posted for the meeting.
Quorum	Was established.
Conflict/Disclosures	None
Public Comments	None
November 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes	A motion was made by Director Davidson, seconded by Director Mohrlang to approve the November 16, 2023, regular meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
November 2023 Financial Statement and the Account Manager's Report	A motion was made by Director LeBorgne, seconded by Director Mohrlang to approve the November 2023 Financials subject to audit. The motion carried unanimously.
Manager's Report	The Board continued the Public Hearing from the November Board of Directors meeting to the December 28 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting. The continuance was to allow a mailing to be sent out to all customers to ensure that the public was aware of the Public Hearing to consider the 2024 Budget. The letter was also to make them aware of the proposed increase in sewer rates. The letter was mailed to customers 30 days prior to the 12/28 hearing date. Action should be taken by the Board to adopt the budget at the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

Manager Rippy provided information about the sewer manhole replacement project in Saddleback Village to replace two manholes that were failing at the November Board meeting. At the time of that report, only one of the manholes had been replaced. The second manhole has now been replaced. The entire project, from start to finish, went extremely smoothly. The cost of the project came in at \$66,000, which was lower than our original estimate of \$80,000. Staff intends to replace two or three additional manholes, due to condition, in the same area in 2024.

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, Manager Rippy was notified by Assistant Manager, Vinnie Tomasulo, that he had accepted a position with the Town of Parachute and would be leaving the Battlement Metro District at the end of 2023. We want to thank Vinnie for all his contributions to the BMMD during his time here and wish him the best in his new job opportunity.

After considering advertising the open position or promoting from current staff members, Manager Rippy felt the district would be best served by appointing the current Office Coordinator, Alex Morris, to fill the position. Alex has been employed with the BMMD since January 2019, most recently serving as the Office Coordinator. Alex will assume the duties of Assistant Manager on January 2, 2024. To fill Alex's position as Office Coordinator, Manager Rippy will promote the current Administrative Assistant Alondra Loya to the position. Alondra first began working for the BMMD in August of 2021. Manager Rippy believes Alex and Alondra's promotions will be beneficial in helping to maintain continuity in the office. Both individuals currently excel in their current positions, and he anticipates positive results from their promotions. We have posted an advertisement to fill the vacant position of Administrative Assistant.

Plant Operations Manager, Greg Jacob, has submitted his resignation as he has accepted a job in Grand Junction. We want to thank Greg for his contributions to the BMMD and wish him luck in his new employment. Greg's last day will be January 12, 2024.

#### **New Business**

A motion was made by Director LeBorgne, seconded by Director McElroy to approve the BMMD Board of Directors Meeting dates for 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Davidson, seconded by Director Mohrlang to approve the official posting locations for the BMMD Board of Directors Meetings as the BMMD Office and the community bulletin board at Clark's Market.

A motion was made by Director Davidson, seconded by Director Mohrlang to approve becoming a Booster Sponsor of \$600.00 to the Grand Valley High School. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

President Chapman opened the Public Hearing to consider the 2024 annual budget at 9:25am.

Battlement Mesa resident, Dan Birrer, was present during the Public Hearing.

Manager Rippy presented the 2024 budget line items.

President Chapman closed the Public Hearing to consider the 2024 annual budget at 9:33am.

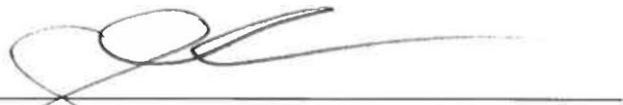
After discussion, Director Mohrlang made a motion, seconded by Director McElroy to approve Resolution 2023-05 to adopt the 2024 budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Executive Session

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 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 January 16, 2024.

  
Secretary