

**ELK MEADOWS SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BOARD
SEPTEMBER 27, 2024
COUNTY COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM**

APPROVED MINUTES

Members Present – Dee Draney; Chairman, Ron Torgerson; Member, Wade Hollingshead; Member, Phil Emerson; Member, Shane Gadbaw; Member, Gaye Christiansen; Member.

Electronic Participation – Paul Burgon; Member,

Members Absent – None

Officers Present – Leo Kanell, District Attorney, Brandon Jensen; District Manager, Brady Derbidge Assistant District Manager, David White; District Treasurer, Heidi Eyre; District Secretary

Electronic Participation – None

Officers Absent – None

Audience – Louise Helton, Rich Gurrola, Kelly Newville, Jack Erwig

9:00 a.m.

Call to Order – Dee Draney called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. stating that a quorum is present.

Review and Approve September 27, 2024, Minutes. The board reviewed the September 27, 2024, minutes for approval and corrections if necessary.

Motion – Shane Gadbaw made the motion to approve the September 27, 2024, minutes. Paul Burgon seconded. All approved without objection.

The approved minutes will be posted to the Utah Public Notice Website at www.pmn.utah.gov

Review and approve monthly bills – David presented the financial reports, bills that have been paid since the last meeting, and the accounts payable for approval. The board discussed expenses, accounts payable and receivable. David reported that he had made the first payment in the amount of \$167,000.00 on the four-million-dollar loan. The money used to make the

payment is from money collected as a water improvement assessment. The owners pay \$115.00 a quarter. The payment on the Assessment Area Project will start in October of 2025.

David reviewed the financials on the projects. Rich asked if the interest being accrued will be applied to the loan. David responded that any money left in the escrow account gets paid against the loan.

Motion – Phil Emerson made a motion to approve the financial reports, bills that have been paid since the last meeting. Shane Gadbaw seconded. All approved without objection.

Grant Update – Dee reported that the grant is still being worked on. Dee discussed the need for a Senator to back our application. Gaye stated that Evan Vickers wrote a good letter on our behalf. Gaye also stated that John Curtis has given his support. The board discussed the grant and different ideas for reaching out for the needed support. The board would like to have Five Counties come and update them on the grant. Dee stated that he will reach out to Bryan Thiriot and see if he will come and update the board.

Project Update – Brandon reported that Tushar Contracting is almost done with their work at the Triple Chair Spring. They are a little behind schedule. There is a collection tank that they need to install over at Puffer. They have all the parts. Their priority is to finish up the spring and then finish the pipe work by the shop and up the top of the hill. The collection tank could be something that they finish next year.

Rollins has most of the pipe put in for the project at Grizzly Ridge. They have roughly 2000 feet of pipe to put in and 5 or 6 hydrants and their project should be completed. They are in the tough digging area now so it will slow them down. Brandon stated that he will pressure test the lines that they installed and once that passes, they will purchase and install road base as per their contract.

Shane stated that now would be a good time to do the rehab from last year's main line project. Brandon responded that he would talk to Tushar about getting that done.

Brandon reported that the tank passed inspection, and we got the operating permit from the state and the engineers. The tank alarm is installed, and they will be pulling a bacteria test on the new tank on Tuesday. Brandon stated that he will take it to Cedar to be tested and if it comes back clean the tank will be turned on. If it comes back dirty, they will drain it clean it and fill it back up. Brandon reported that he ran test from the Triple Chair Spring, and they came back clean. The Triple Chair Spring should pump between 30-50 g.p.m. Puffer Spring is pumping up to 120 g.p.m. The board discussed the future development of the Forest Service Spring. Shane stated that it would be nice to see where we stand in terms of how much was approved and funded and how much we have spent on the project. We abandoned a few projects and as a board member I would like to see what that analysis is. Brandon responded that he would talk to the engineers

and see if they would come and give the report to the board.

Water System Status – Brandon reported that Puffer is pumping 120 g.p.m. Brandon stated that they chased all the little leaks and fixed the one big leak. Right now, we are at a total systemic loss of 16 g.p.m. which is better than any other water system he has talked to. The tanks are full, the pumps are running, and everything on the water system is running good right now. Brandon stated that the SCADA system should be done this year. It monitors your system and if something is out of the norm it will send an alert. Brandon stated that this will alert you that there is an issue before it gets to the tank alarm. Shane stated that the triple back up is the alarm. Shane stated that to put some significance to the discussion once the Triple Chair Spring and the storage tank are released into the system, we effectively almost doubled out capacity for storage and our source of water. Once these are implemented it is a huge step forward for the water system.

Leo asked if the development had started on Puffer Lake Spring. Brandon asked Leo if he has the easement. Leo responded that the county owns the property now so that can be done if they are ready. Brandon stated that he would like to dig an exploratory trench to see if it produces enough water to make it worthwhile. Leo stated that they would not only have to put in a collection, but they also must put in a pump.

Roads – Brandon reported that roads will be fixed after the pressure testing has been completed. Rollins will put road base on and make them nicer. Brandon stated that they have worked on quite a few roads down in the bottom of the holler to make that crossing a lot smoother. They put in 20 loads of fill dirt and built the road up and widened it. Brandon also stated that they have graded quite a few roads and will need a lot more road base.

Equipment Status – Brandon reported that equipment is running well but the Duramax keeps breaking down. It costs about 4,000 every time it breaks down. The board discussed replacing the Duramax and asked Brandon to work on getting this done.

Agenda Request Rich Gurrola – Rich provided signatures on a document titled Letter Approving to Pursue Road Grant. Rich stated that with the boards permission he wants to start looking for grants to improve the roads. Dee stated that Rich could pursue grants for the roads. Rich stated that he would like the board to have more meetings on the mountain. The board discussed increasing the number of meetings to be held on the mountain. The board asked Heidi how the recording would work. Heidi will investigate a recording device and report back to the board. The board agreed that they would like to hold more meetings there and discussed holding the meetings on the mountain in the summer.

Fire Department Update – Ron stated that he spoke with George who reported that they had a successful chip fest with hamburgers and a good turnout. Louise stated that they had 60 people attend. George told Ron that he would like to see some board members attend next year. Jack

stated that they had great participation. Jack also stated that they got quite a bit cleaned up in the Village and Grizzly Ridge. Jack reported that they have had good turn out on the calls. Dee asked about getting a certificate for the ISO rating. Rich responded that Kallie or Lorri has the certification. Rich replied that he will forward the certificate to everyone.

Water Rights Update – Leo stated that the board has banking agreements with water rights that have now been transferred to beaver county. Leo asked the board if they would be able to supply water to a series of campgrounds around Puffer Lake. The board discussed the water and needing to have more information on its use. If it is a minute amount in the summer when there is an abundance of water, it would not be an issue. The board would need to see more information on what they are planning. Shane stated that piping the water could cost them a fortune depending on where they are putting the campgrounds and that it might benefit them to develop a spring.

Resort Update – Shane reported that he is working on a definitive history of Eagle Point that will be housed inside the Canyonside Lodge. Shane stated that they are going to renovate Canyonside and there will be a whole section that will be the rebirth of the ski area. It will show you how it all started. Shane stated that he just finished his interview with Conrad that was very interesting. When complete there will be a whole homage to the past that tells the story. It will be similar to the one at Sundance. Shane stated that they are renovating the upstairs of the Canyonside Lodge to be a gym and a yoga studio for lodging guests.

Old Business

None

Motion – Ron Torgerson made a motion to adjourn.

The next EMSSD meeting will be held on Friday, October 25th, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Beaver County Commission Chambers.