

EASTLAND SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM MST

Call to order: 6:04

Board Members present: Gary Romesha, Scott Johnson, Kay Randall, Janet Ross, Warren Peterson

Others Present: Carl Witteman, Danny Rouse, Dee Rouse, Zach Johnson

1-Vote: Approval of previous meeting minutes-Gary Votes to approve 9/10/2024 meeting minutes, Kay seconds, All approve.

2- Public Comment: None

Discussion Items

1-Update: New well/preliminary target assessment-Alysen Tarrant (Lisbon Valley Mine)-- Unable to make it.

2-Update-ESSD Water Rights (WR 09-400 permanent and 09-2163 Fixed Time Renewal or more permanent rights from San Juan Water Conservancy District)

We have permanent water rights for 20 taps. We also have a fixed time app for an additional 20 taps but it expires in July 2025. We can either renew the fixed time right now but it will only be good for 10 years, or we can have a couple people on the system apply for permanent rights and then convert it over to the system. Or we can seek a permanent water right from the San Juan Water Conservancy District. We will have Brad Bunker come in March to explain it to us if possible.

3-Update: Operating Permits-4--Sampling plan needed

We have an operating permit on the north end of the system. State just issued us 3 after the fact operating permits for the south line. Nate has helped us file 2 sampling plans which have not yet been approved.

4-Update: Current DEQ IPS Report (fixes needed after sanitary survey 9/18/24 by Curtis Page and on IPS Report)

State wants us to take chlorine samples at multiple points on the system north and south end, 12 times a month. Multiple other items need done on the system to keep from gaining points against us. We have a possible 250 points that would be against us if not taken care of. Zach and Nate will fix the listed items and then 4 Board members will take chlorine samples 3x a month and text readings to Nate.

5-Update-New computer/Software Pelorus set up timeline- Computer only cost \$500. Pelorus is converting and uploading new software tomorrow and it is going well.

6-Update: Water pressure needed for fire

We don't need to have high pressure for a structure fire at this time. Monticello Fire Chief said they dispatch 3-4 tenders at the time for a structure fire to Eastland. They said they don't need a

high pressure at the hydrants, they will feed structure truck from the tenders. So we do not need to fix the south end sub-station at this time.

Action Items

7-Discussion/Vote: YTD Financials 2024 YTD/2025 Proposed Budget-Looks Good. Will ask Diane is she wants to make any edits before final Board approval.

8-Discussion/Vote: New Hires-Bookkeeper & System Manager (possible rate increase) Diane Romesha has agreed to be the new bookkeeper. Warren votes we hire Diane Romesha as the new bookkeeper. Kay seconds. All approve.

Tel Walker is willing to do the System Manager job at \$400 per month or we have Sam Long who we interviewed a few years ago for the system who manages other systems in San Juan County. Sam wants to be paid \$800-\$900 a month. Kay motions we hire Tel Walker to be system manager job at the rate of \$400 per month and free water at Lamar's meat processing plant. Warren seconds, all approve.

9-Discussion/Vote: How to handle overage billings for past year. Scott votes we bill everyone on the overages starting from page 2 for July Through December 2024 as these are the more accurate numbers since new meters were not working previous to that. Anyone with questions can talk to Janet. Gary 2nd all approve.

10-Discussion/Vote: Accept payments and payout policy online -Table until March.

11-Vote: Possible Budget adjustments 2025

-South end Booster station Fix-\$3k-40k. Scott Motions to not repair it at this time. Kay seconds, all approve.

-Possible System manager cost increase-N/A

-Cost to repair main water stand and Long Draw stand--Wait for bids

-Cost to fix system deficiencies-\$2600-\$3600 cost. Total with electric hook up.

Scott motions \$1,100 allocated to repair Long Draw stand and system deficiencies excluding generator hook up. Kay seconds, all approve.

13-Vote: Designation of next meeting-March 12, 2025 Scott motions we move to second Wednesday of each quarter. Kay seconds, all approve.

14-Vote: Adjournment-Kay motions to adjourn at 8:04. Scott seconds, all approve.

The undersigned, as Secretary of the Board of the Eastland Special Service District, certifies that the foregoing minutes were adopted at a Board meeting of the Eastland Special Service District, held on December 11, 2024.

ESSD SECRETARY