

Leadville Sanitation Meeting Minutes for December 7, 2022

The monthly Leadville Sanitation District (LSD) board meeting was held at the District's office located at 911 S. Highway 24, Leadville at 5:00 pm on 12/7/2022. Board members present: Chair Ken Berger, Directors Robert Vigil, Joe Hren, Dan Osborn and Jane Gowing; Staff present: Joe Passalacqua, plant operations manager; John Volk, ORC; Zach Jeppson, Plant Operator/Lab; Angelina Salazar, Office Manager; Chelsea Fagan, JVA Consulting; and Sanitation District Attorney, Joe Fattor.

1. & 2. At 5:00 pm Chair Berger called the meeting to order. Chair Berger immediately moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. for the purpose of a conference with the District's legal counsel regarding specific legal questions pertaining to the collections system project and pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S. for the purpose to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Director Gowing, all in favor. At the conclusion of the session and with no action taken, Chair Berger moved to end the Executive Session, seconded by Director Gowing and return to the public portion of the meeting at 6:41 pm.
3. Public Comment – No public comment presented.
4. WHS Survey Contract – Director Vigil move to approve the system surveying contract, seconded by Director Osborn, all voted in favor.
5. JVA – Director Osborn asked for follow-up commentary on the Waterworth modeling program to see what the number look like for covering district operations in light of all of the upcoming major capital improvements. DOLA and CDPHE are interested in what the District is projecting for future monthly service fee increases to help assist the District reach a sustainable financial base.
6. Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2022. With no edits or corrections, Director Vigil moved to approve, seconded by Director Hren, all voted in favor.
7. Check List Approvals for October and November 2022 – With no corrections, Director Vigil moved to approve, seconded by Director Osborn all voted to approve.
8. Joe Fattor
 - a. Eric Scott/1707 Poplar St/Laundromat – Attorney Fattor stated that Attorney Josh Marsh is working to wrap-up this issue by year's end.
 - b. West6Street/Edmonds Terrace – The plans that JVA approved for the development were changed without review and approval of JVA staff. Cooper Best will review the changes and provide comment to the board about next steps.
 - c. Attorney Fattor sent a letter to John Lichtenegger stating that neither Mr. Lichtenegger or his engineer have submitted inspections and updated drawings to the district for both Railyards Phase I and II. In addition, JVA drafted a letter detailing the project deficiencies and forwarded it to Attorney Fattor for review and edits. To date, JVA's letter has not been sent by Attorney Fattor, therefore, Director Osborn directed Attorney Fattor to send this letter as soon as possible to Mr. Lichtenegger and any other builder who has purchased wastewater taps at the Railyards Project.

Chair Berger opened the 2023 Operating Maintenance and Debt Service Budget Public Hearing at 8:10 pm. The Resolutions are as follows:

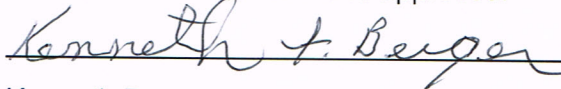
9. Resolution #6 – Adopting the Operating Fee Schedule and Septic Waste fees for 2023. Director Osborn had questions about the fee amounts changed: HH (portable toilets), WAS (Waste Activated Sludge) and other (all other loads, typically house-hold residential septage). The board discussed increasing the cost to discharge the wastes to a flat fee of \$250/1000 gallons and raise the Transfer Fee to \$25. Director Osborn moved to raise the fees as discussed above and approve the rest of the fees as stated in the draft Resolution #6, seconded by Director Vigil, all voted in favor.
10. Resolution #7 – Designation of 2022 Ending Balance to be Used for 2023 Beginning Fund Balance. Director Osborn moved to approve, Director Vigil seconded, all voted in favor.
11. Resolution #8 – Adoption of Mill Levy and Certification to Lake County. Director Osborn moved to approve, Director Vigil seconded, all voted to approve.
12. Resolution #9 – Adoption of 2023 Operating Maintenance and Debt Services Budget. Director Vigil moved to approve, Director Hren seconded, all voted in favor.

Chair Berger closed the public hearing at 8:30 pm.

13. Daily/Plant Report – Conveyor belt needs to be rebuilt or replaced. The capital improvement projects and associated time frames will guide the decision of a rebuild or a replacement of the conveyor belt/purchase of a solids screw press. The plant had a WET test failure and therefore must conduct 2 additional tests. Board members asked what caused the violation. ORC Volk said that it could have been a slug load discharged to sewer or the arrival of cold winter weather which slows down the effectiveness of the treatment process. Volk also said that the ammonia level of the wastewater was higher than normal that day as well. Operator Passalaqua will complete employee job evaluations before he leaves for his new job. Finally, Director Vigil moved to award Ms. Salazar a bonus for her additional overtime hours in 2022, seconded by Chair Berger, all voted to approve.
14. Ms. Salazar will send out statements on 12/27/2022 for the first billing of 2023. Operator Passalaqua and Ms. Salazar gave a presentation to DOLA for grants and loan funding.

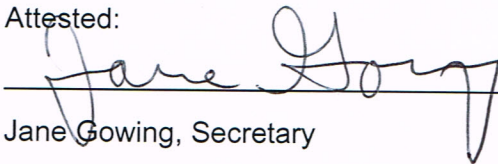
At 8:43 pm Director Osborn moved to adjourn, Director Vigil seconded, all were in favor.

Said minutes were read and approved:



Kenneth Berger

Attested:



Jane Gowing, Secretary