

FOUR CORNERS WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT MINUTES
June 16, 2010

1. Call to Order

There being a quorum present, President McHenry called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm, in the library of Monforton School at 6001 Monforton School Road, Bozeman, Montana.

Present: President Don McHenry, Vice President Nancy Flikkema, Cory Klumb, and Ed Schmidt.

Public: Susan Swimley, Erin McHenry, Marty Gagnon, and members of the public –refer to sign in.

2. Approval of minutes from May 5, 2010 meeting.

Postponed

3. Consideration of financial reports

a. Approval of financial reports.

Postponed

b. Discussion of financial issues

Postponed

4. Business

a. Update on discussion with US regarding future of District, service and rates.

The subcommittee is still meeting with US but the terms have been changing with further discussion. The issue seems to be the fee for empty lots is still a problem and have asked for suggestions from Bob Merdow.

b. Annexation Requests

These are all addressed in the service contract.

c. Out of District Service Contracts

1. Monforton School

They are currently not annexed into the District but they approached US inquiring about water service. Dave Crawford from TDH Engineering presented the board with the explanation for the request. Monforton received a grant to install a sprinkler system but needs a water source.

Currently in the case of a fire, the fire department would hook up to the hydrants out front regardless thus reducing the amount of water used in the case of a fire. He was hoping the Board would work out a compromise for the benefit of the school. Mr. Rittle from US stated they would be willing provide service if the school paid the past due balance owed to US, hooked up for both water and fire service, and had a service contract if not annexing to the District. They are currently hooked up for sewer and have been metered for a year. Currently the Board has not allowed for connection to only one service or would require a service contract without annexation but the school is asking for a variance stating cost.

The Board discussion concluded the best thing for the school was to annex to the district. The request was made by the public to create a special contract for government entities but that would be for all not just the school and could create future problems. Additionally the school does not pay taxes so they would be exempt from any special assessments.

2. Rassmussen

On hold

3. McCartney

On Hold

d. Policy Issues

1. Out of District use of hydrants/ water

Mrs. Swimley had concerns with regard to "Place of use agreement" but the place would be defined as the hydrant so it should be acceptable. She expressed an additional concern if we charge a fee for bulk water and it is not paid that it would not be charged a debt to the District by US. The issue came up as the McBride development needed a solution for fire service and wanted to enter an agreement with US to provide. It was more cost effective to pay a one time fire service fee than to build ponds or a holding facility. The Board agreed it was reasonable to charge for something that would have to be provided regardless and the amount seemed fair. Mrs. Swimley stated she was working on a policy for this and should have something in 2 weeks.

e. Presentation and discussion of 2010-2011 budgets.

Mrs. Swimley suggested the Board start reviewing the budget as we currently have no income due to lack of established rates. The Board may want to consider hiring a manager to save some additional funds.

5. Public Participation

The representatives from Monforton would recommend to their Board that the school annex what additional information would be necessary for annexation. A completed petition and a will serve letter presented to the Board which could be done via ordinance (requiring 2 readings) and then accepted at the next meeting.

6. Board member issues

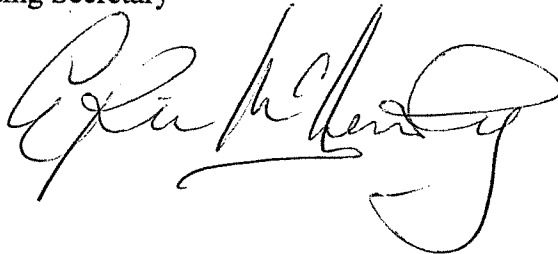
Mrs. Swimley fixed the mailbox problem.

7. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business before the Board, the Four Corners Water/Sewer District meeting of June 16, 2010 was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin McHenry, Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin McHenry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline.