

**Edgemont Ranch Metropolitan District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Minutes**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edgemont Ranch Metropolitan District was called to order on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 4:00 PM at 5972 CR 234, Durango, Colorado.

All Directors were in attendance: Steve Martin, Al Winzerling, Larry Mongelli, Richard Butler and Andrew Rapiejko. Staff members in attendance were: Robert Ludwig, Mike Lancianese, Kurtis Martinez, Dave Johnston, Marilyn Heide, Mary Zoesch, and Annette Hutchins. Resident, Tom Norton, also attended.

Mr. Winzerling moved to approve the October 20, 2022 ERMD Regular Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Mongelli, and was unanimously carried.

Marilyn reviewed the Metro District's 2023 Budget. The revenues will go up in 2023. – 3%. The costs for fuel went up three times in 2022. Mr. Butler said the District has been paying for the Waste Water Plant loan for the last 18 months – interest only. Now that the waste water plant is complete the Metro will start paying principle plus interest starting January 1, 2023 for a 25 year amortization loan. A mini excavator was budgeted for \$65K. Mr. Butler moved to approve the Resolution to Adopt the Budget for 2023 (#2022-12-8.1), seconded by Mr. Winzerling and was unanimously approved. (See attachment)

Mr. Butler moved to approve the Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money for 2023 for the general fund, water fund, sewer fund and the debt service (#2022-12-8.2), seconded by Mr. Winzerling and was unanimously approved. (See attachment)

Mr. Butler moved to approve the Resolution to Set Mill Levies associated with the roads (#2022-12-8.3), seconded by Mr. Mongelli and was unanimously approved. (See attachment)

Mr. Butler moved to approve the Resolution for Supplemental Budget and Appropriation, was seconded by Mr. Winzerling and unanimously approved. (#2022-12-8.4). The budget has incurred unforeseen additional expenses, \$275K for capital outlay for the waste water plant, \$15K additional for water meter equipment, and \$6K for snow removal expenses

Mr. Butler explained the Metro's current auditor, Todd Beckstead, was retiring and the District needed to find a new one. Mr. Beckstead recommended using Frederick Zink and Associates. Mr. Butler's search for an auditor for the 2022 Metro financial statements, was challenging. He queried seven companies but only one submitted a quote. He found the auditors were not interested due to the complicated process. Mr. Becksted recommended the Zink group because they have the same software as the Metro's so it would take less time thus lessening the fee amount. Their quote was \$9,800. The other submittal was from Ronald Farmer and his quote was \$17,000. There was discussion concerning conflicts in working with the Zink group, including Mr. Winzerling's negative experience and stated he would not approve hiring them. It was decided to try the Zink group for a year to determine the ease in accomplishing the audit. Mr. Martin moved to approve using the Frederick Zink and Associates and agreed to hire them for \$9,800 – not to exceed that amount. Mr. Winzerling voted "no", the other four board members approved hiring the Zink group.

Mr. Winzerling moved to approve the meeting dates for 2023 and was seconded by Mr. Butler. (The dates are: February 16, April 20, June 15, August 17, October 19, and December 7). Mr. Martin moved to approve resolution #2022-12-8.5 of the five Designated Posting Locations for ERMD meeting notices, and meeting dates for 2023 (also #2022-12-8.5), seconded by Mr. Butler and was unanimously approved. (See attachment)

Mr. Ludwig reported that the county commissioners were happy with our drainage “overshoots”. We will be renting the snow plow loader next week. He stated that Florida Water Conservancy would have their annual meeting. There will be a workshop in February for the two boards to meet with the county commissioner to plan projects. Mr. Martin would like to attend and discuss the Florida Road safety issue at the meeting.

Mr. Martinez gave a waste water plant report. The plant has been running for about four months now. The Metro has received the state permit for the new waste water plant. The plant is going at 16m/liter and will raise to 20m/liter. We are three now at .1/.2m. He is getting outstanding customer service from the Water Works Company. They are able to make adjustments in the computer system remotely in real time.

Mr. Mongelli moved to keep the same board officers for 2023, seconded by Mr. Winzerling and was unanimously approved. (Steve Martin – President, Larry Mongelli – VP, Richard Butler – Sec/Tres, Al Winzerling and Andrew Rapiejko – Directors)

Mr. Martin introduced the Metro’s newest employee, Dave Johnston, to the meeting’s attendees. He welcomed him to the Metro District. Mr. Martin explained the District will be hiring one more person, as Mr. Lancianese will be retiring at the start of the year.

Mr. Martinez reported that he, Mr. Ludwig and the Metro’s new waste water plant, will be featured in the Durango Herald on Sunday, December 11th. The reporter interviewed them extensively and took many photos. This will be great exposure for the Edgemont Ranch Metro District with the local newspaper covering the new state-of-the-art waste water plant.

Mr. Martin moved to approve Marilyn Heide as the designated election officer for the Metro, seconded by Mr. Winzerling and was unanimously approved - Resolution #2022-12-8.6. (See attachment)

Mr. Martin had a board concern about extending the lease for our internet service, Skywerx (Visionary Broadband). There was discussion concerning the office and water plant getting lightning strikes recently that affected the internet service. It took a month to discover the cause and repair it. Mr. Ludwig explained that the office and water plant originally never had a grounding ring installed. Staff discovered the conduit between the office and the water plant was corroded. Mr. Martin then moved to extend the lease with Skywerx, seconded by Mr. Winzerling and was unanimously approved.

Lastly, Mr. Butler noted his concern about the emergency assess for Timbers was open. (The gate that is connected to the adjacent sub-division.) Mr. Ludwig explained the city fire department needed to install the Knox-Lock on the gate.

Mr. Martin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Winzerling at 4:50 PM.

The Board then adjourned into executive session for the purposes of personnel evaluation and compensation pursuant to Sec, 24-6-402 (4)(f), C.R.S..

The Board re-convened the public meeting. After reconvening the public meeting, the Board unanimously approved the report of the Compensation Committee which will govern the balance of 2022 and the commencement of 2023. Thereafter the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Hutchins,

Administrative Assistant