MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING / WORKSESSION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHEROKEE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT HELD

February 1, 2018

A Regular Board of Directors' Meeting of the Cherokee Metropolitan District was held on February 1, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the District offices located at 6250 Palmer Park Boulevard, Colorado Springs, CO. The meeting was open to the public.

ATTENDANCE:

In attendance were Directors:

Jan Cederberg; President Dave Mattes; Vice-President Melody Helton; Secretary Larry Keleher; Director David Hacker; Director

Also in attendance were:

Kurt Schlegel; General Manager

Peter Johnson; PC Johnson Attorney at Law, LLC (via telephone)

Will Koger; Forsgren Associates, Inc. Al Watson; Development Services, Inc.

Gary Barber

Jonathon Smith; CMD Staff Brian Beaudette; CMD Staff Cole Miller; CMD Staff Todd Laxson: CMD Staff

Kip Peterson Roger Stolz Jordan Savage

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Schlegel conducted a roll call of Officers and President Cederberg, noting that a quorum of the Board was present, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Director Cederberg led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONFLICTS & DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:

Mr. Schlegel stated that the required Conflict Disclosure Statements have been filed with the Colorado Secretary of State. No additional or unreported conflicts or disclosures were noted by any of the Directors.

AGENDA:

Director Helton then moved that the Board approve the agenda as presented. Upon a second by Director Hacker, a vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

<u>Potential Water Resources:</u> Mr. Barber presented the Board members with a handout that discussed the process of comparing available water resources. Three elements to this discussion are:

- Legal Availability, which includes the Source of water, the rate of diversion, the type use, and the place of use
- Physical Availability
 - Where is the resource located
 - o How to transport from point of origin to place of use
- Water Quality

Alluvial Aquifer Recharge: Mr. Barber then presented his idea / proposal for Cherokee to participate in and sponsor an Alluvial Aquifer Recharge study to determine the viability of such as project and to possibly address the District's Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) compliance with the State of Colorado.

- Previous El Paso County based study was conducted in 2008, in which Cherokee participated
- Blending of water from another provider with effluent from Cherokee's Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) may be a solution to the TDS issue Cherokee now faces
- Colorado Springs Utilities has indicated a willingness to investigate the blending and alluvial storage for their excess water
- Grant monies may be available to assist with the funding of this study

The Directors then discussed being a part of such a study, opposition from designated groundwater basins, who will be in charge of the study, etc.

Regionalization: Mr. Kip Peterson of the Donala Water and Sanitation District was in attendance and requested the opportunity to address the Board regarding this subject. Mr. Peterson explained that Donala is interested in obtaining some available water but needs the required infrastructure to get the water from its source to the Donala District in northern El Paso County. Mr. Peterson then explained the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority (PPRWA) plan that would utilize existing infrastructure to move water between providers in northern El Paso County.

Mr. Koger then addressed the Board regarding the same issue, in particular the following points:

- Cherokee's needs should be top priority in Cherokee's facilities
- Water Service, Sewer Service, or both
- Can Cherokee maintain use of or request credit for return flows?
- Cost Sharing between entities?
- For water provision it shall be determined to be on a perpetual, temporary, or emergency basis
- Would connectors be under same restrictions, when applicable, as Cherokee customers
- Water and Sewer rates? How often will they be reviewed and adjusted?

The Directors discussed the pros and cons of regionalization and cooperation between water and wastewater service providers.

Mr. Schlegel requested direction from the Board regarding their vision for the District. Once the vision is determined or established then staff and the District's consultants will be able to suggest strategies and tactics to achieve that vision.

The Board members agreed that working in cooperation with neighbor Districts will be in the best interest of Cherokee and the District's customers and directed Mr. Schlegel move forward with the concept and to begin work with Mr. Peterson, the PPRWA, etc.

<u>Future Infrastructure Needs:</u> Mr. Schlegel described for the Board that he has conducted initial discussions with the owners of wells located on the Golf Course to determine if they are a viable irrigation water source and to determine the value of the resource.

Mr. Watson briefed the Board members on the progress being made on the new Water Storage Tank #1. Work is progressing on-schedule and

Mr. Watson then described the progress on the new wells being drilled in the Sundance well field and estimated that the two (2) new wells would be on-line and producing by Summer of 2018. Discussion then included the future need for additional water storage and the need for an additional chlorine contact chamber for Sundance water treatment.

Mr. Schlegel briefed the Board members on two (2) inclusion petitions that they may be asked to consider in March, and discussions that have taken place regarding the possibility of providing potable water for the Bentgrass development, which is currently being served by the Woodmen Hills Metropolitan District.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS & COMMENTS:

Director Helton stated that she has learned of a possible opening on the Colorado Water Conservation Board and has inquired about the possibility of being appointed to this body.

NEXT MEETING:

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY – February 13, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary for the Meeting

Jan Cederberg; President
Dave Mattes; Vice President
Melody Helton; Secretary
Larry Kelcher: Assistant Secretary
David Hacker