

MEETING MINUTES

August 28, 2023

LOWER FOUNTAIN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (LFWQMA)

Member

Attendees: Jim Heckman (FSD/LFMSDD) Jonathan Moore (FSD/LFMSDD), Roy Heald (SWSD), Will Bonner (City of Fountain), Wally Eaves (Woodmen Hills Metro)

Non-Attendees: Fort Carson, Widefield W&S, CSU, Cherokee Metro District, Stratmoor Hills W&S

Guests: None

Meeting Location: City of Fountain Operations Building

**Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Introductions followed.

1. **Review/Approve Meeting Minutes** – Mr. Moore presented the meeting minutes for May 22, 2023, for approval consideration. Mr. Heald made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Heckman. Motion carried.
2. **Review/Approve Finances** - Mr. Moore presented the Financial Report for the months of May, June and July 2023 for approval consideration. Mr. Heald made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Second by Mr. Heckman. Motion carried.
3. **Wally Eaves (Woodmen Hills)** – Mr. Eaves reported that they are waiting for State approval on their Grandview Lift Station. He reported they recently updated their Rules and Regulations. He reported El Paso County will no longer accept a commitment letter for proposed development projects, they are requiring a full water resource report and a wastewater disposal report. With all of the development lately, it has been a costly expense to the District. Their updated Rules and Regulations now states that any development costs incurred by the developer are their responsibility. He reported that they are building a new transfer plant for water which will incorporate a filter plant and a booster station. He reported that they are in the process of rebuilding their SCADA system. A brief discussion was held on biosolids disposal with Terra Genesis.
4. **Will Bonner (City of Fountain)** – Mr. Bonner reported that they continue to work on the design of the proposed 36-inch PVC pipeline that will connect the FVA tank into the recently installed crossing under Fountain Creek and through the Fountain Sanitation District’s property on Santa Fe Avenue. They are in the process of getting the required easements needed to complete the connection. He reported there is a possibility that the pipe might downsize to a 30-inch ductile iron pipeline under the highway and railroad. He reported that they are rewriting their Specifications as well, incorporating notes taken over the years. He reported they are waiting on permission to start a wetlands study in Fountain Creek so in a few years when their reservoir is complete, they can fill it with water and build a water treatment plant.
5. **Jim Heckman (FSD/LFMSDD)** – Mr. Heckman reported that they have started working on the 2024 proposed budget. He also reported that they received a grant from the National Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) for some Fountain Creek bank repairs that are threatening a sewer main in the amount of \$1.3 million which will be funded (75% NRCS, 25% FSD).
6. **Roy Heald (SWSD)** – Mr. Heald reported that they are also finishing their updates to their Water Regulations and Specifications. He reported they contracted out the painting on one of their water tanks and

were pleased with the company and finished product. He reported that they continue to work on the plans for a new administration building. Which will consist of demolishing a house on an adjacent lot owned by the District and work out of the existing Board room until it is complete. He reported that the completion deadline for the new wastewater facility is now April 2024. He reported that PFAS treatment continues to be a challenge. He reported on a completed small water mainline replacement project.

7. **Jonathan Moore – (FSD/LFMSDD)** –Mr. Moore reported they completed seal coating/asphalt repairs at all three of the District sites. He reported on the Calle Entrada sanitary main replacement project. He reported that they discovered a tear in the BNR curtain membrane material at the HDT Lower Fountain facility. They have been in contact with the contractor to for repair or replacement. He reported he has been spending most of his time on the Fountain Creek streambank repair process with NRCS.
8. Mr. Heckman reported that the Joint Funding Agreement with the USGS will be on the agenda at the next meeting for discussion and approval consideration. He stated that it has gone up approximately 8.5% since last year.

*There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Heald made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:16 p.m. Second by Mr. Eaves. Motion carried.

Next LFWQMA Meeting – The next meeting is TBD.