

PURGATORY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

A joint regular meeting of the Purgatory Metropolitan District and the Purgatory Metropolitan La Plata-San Juan Sub-District was held Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at the Purgatory Metropolitan District Community Center. Directors DeeDee Carlson and Mark Gebhardt were in attendance. Board members in attendance, via Zoom, were John Ogier, Sharon Henschen and Susan Voorhees. Also in attendance Eric Hassel, Frankie White and David Smith.

Minutes

Sharon Henschen made a motion to approve the February 15, 2023, minutes with a grammar correction. DeeDee Carlson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2023 Election

Eric Hassel reported that there were no more candidates than positions open, so the May 2023 board election was cancelled on February 28, 2023. Victoria Lopez has notified the state that John Ogier and Sharon Henschen have been elected for four-year terms.

Management Report

Eric Hassel reported that he has applied for grant funds from the Governors program to reimburse the District for a portion of the odor control planning for the new wastewater treatment plant.

Eric gave the board an update on the water leak on Sheol Street last week. Due to the amount of snow and the cold weather it took extra time to locate the leak and then to repair it. Eric used Amy Ward to disseminate information to District customers about the status of water when it was turned off. The leak was noted early Wednesday morning and was repaired Friday morning. The board noted that Eric handled the situation very well and got things fixed quickly to accommodate the District customers on the mountain.

Eric Hassel reported that the Nissan Titan is in the shop still, where it has been since mid february. It doesn't seem like the repair company can get the problems resolved. Eric feels that it is time to replace it with a vehicle that will be more reliable. The board directed Eric to move forward on selling the Titan and looking for a replacement.

The District has been contacted by two owners in Engineer Village asking for a reduction in their billing for water service for February and part of March. Their service lines froze and water was not able to get to their homes. Eric determined that the water main was flowing water fine. Eric is recommending the owners install continuous drip systems for when they are not in their homes. per the District's Codes and Standards, the property owner is responsible for the service line to the point of connection with the Main. DeeDee Carlson made a motion to deny the request for a reduction in water fees related to this situation. Sharon Henschen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Financial Report

The board reviewed bills being paid today. DeeDee Carlson made a motion to approve paying the bills. Sharon Henschen seconded the motion. Motion passed. Eric Hassel reported that the first sales tax deposit should be posting to the bank account soon. Eric has to submit a memorandum For Control of Confidential Information to the state appointing Eric as the person responsible for something.

Mark Gebhardt reported that the Design Review Board is holding a meeting today to go over the Resort's proposal for a commercial facility they would like to construct in the base area, to be used for employee offices, locker rooms, and other types of employee space needs. The resort would like to begin construction May 1 this year. The building will need water and wastewater taps, and at this time Eric does not believe we have main lines where they would want to connect. Eric has spoken to the LaPlata County Planning Department, who has not approved the plan and to the Fire Marshal who has not yet approved the plan either. Eric will keep the board posted on any updates.

The meeting adjourned. Next Meeting: April 19, 2023 at 9:00 am in the Purgatory Metropolitan District Community Center.