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BOARD MEETING June 13, 2024

CONDUCTING: Board Chair, Celeste Johnson

PUBLIC COMMENT: *This is the public's opportunity to comment on items not on the agenda.*

ENTITY UPDATES: **Potential** annexation east of Red Ledges on the Christensen and Sitla property. preliminary discussion next Tuesday regarding potential high density.

Steve Farrell- Part is in Twin Creeks and the other in North Village. Drainage into Jordanelle will be in JSSD. Check to see when Red Ledges will be going online with JSSD.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Those in attendance: Celeste Johnson, Jim Goodley, Wes Johnson, Steve Farrell, Yvonne Barney, Brenda Christensen

Those in attendance remote: Heidi Franco, Tina Rodriguez, Brian Provost

Excused- Clair Provost, Mike Johnston

- 1) Consent Agenda Approval - (5 minutes)
 - A. May 9, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
 - B. Balance Sheet May 2024
 - C. Bank Reconciliation Detail May 2024
 - D. P&L Detail May 2024
 - E. PTIF General Fund Statement May 2024
 - F. PTIF Impact Fee Fund Statement May 2024
 - G. Warrant List June 2024

A motion was made by Heidi Franco to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Yvonne Barney and the chair asked for a vote:

Clair Provost- Excused

Celeste Johnson- Yes

Steve Farrell- Yes

Yvonne Barney- Yes

Heidi Franco- Yes

Mike Johnston- Excused

Brenda Christensen- Excused

- 2) Closed Session – Discuss litigation and/or personnel matters

A motion was made by Steve Farrell to move into closed session to discuss litigation and personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Yvonne Barney and the chair asked for a vote:

Clair Provost- Excused

Celeste Johnson- Yes

Steve Farrell- Yes

Yvonne Barney- Yes

Heidi Franco- Yes

Mike Johnston- Excused

Brenda Christensen- Excused

A motion was made by Steve Farrell to move out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Yvonne Barney and the chair asked for a vote:

Clair Provost- Excused

Celeste Johnson- Yes

Steve Farrell- Yes

Yvonne Barney- Yes

Heidi Franco- Yes

Mike Johnston- Excused

Brenda Christensen- Yes

Brenda Christensen arrived at the meeting during the closed session.

The staff was advised to increase the district coverage for litigation when renewing the ULGT policy for the next year.

3) Headworks Screen Agreement – Possible Motion to Approve

Jim Goodly informed the board that he has cancelled the contract with Ovivo. They have the contract documents with Huber, and it is a much better contract, and the price is what they expected. The increase was \$13,000 higher than last October. He recommended that the board sign the agreement for two new headworks screens. He has not had a response from Ovivo regarding the contract termination.

Celeste Johnson said she feels this may not have been concluded. Do they need to send a letter requesting confirmation that we do not owe anything and should we expect any refund.

Jim Goodley stated that the \$50,000 was for the submittals and a down payment. Aqua has sent submittals but they have not been approved yet.

Steve Farrell asked if it would handle both trains on the mechanical plant.

Jim Goodley stated that it would handle it. If one is out of service, the other will handle the capacity. It goes through the screens.

A motion was made by Steve Farrell to move forward with the contract for Huber. The motion was seconded by Brenda Christensen and the chair asked for a vote:

Clair Provost- Excused

Celeste Johnson- Yes

Steve Farrell- Yes

Yvonne Barney- Yes

Heidi Franco- Yes

Mike Johnston- Excused

Brenda Christensen- Yes

A motion was made by Steve Farrell to have legal counsel send a letter to Ovivo to terminate the contract and ask for a refund of the money that has not been utilized yet. The motion was seconded by Brenda Christensen and the chair asked for a vote:

Clair Provost- Excused

Celeste Johnson- Yes

Steve Farrell- Yes

Yvonne Barney- Yes

Heidi Franco- Yes

Mike Johnston- Excused

Brenda Christensen- Yes

4) WWTF Facility Planning

Jim Goodley led the discussion with the power point presentation on HVSSD planning. He presented the current capacities at the plant and the average daily flow. The board also addressed the flow projections vs the current capacity. He stated that they projections take us through 2050. There is a 1 mgd gap between what they could do and what they can do. He stated that permits are based on the average.

Jim Goodley stated that the numbers are based on the projected growth. The projections are for Heber, Midway and the unincorporated areas.

Yvonne asked about our status with the growth.

Jim- numbers are based on the projected growth. Projections are for Heber, Midway and unincorporated areas.

Celeste Johnson stated that the projections were on the high side.

Jim Goodley stated that he would like to check the numbers then look at it again, but the average flow is 2.2 and up to 2.8.

Heidi Franco stated that given what has been said, if we dredge, we will have more than enough capacity to take us to 2025. She also stated that it is wonderful to see the lack of odor issues so far this year.

Jim Goodley stated that they need to meet the short-term capacity needs:

Bridge the gap between firm and design capacity

Roughly a 10-year solution

They have contemplated major odor concerns and public complaints

The did not consider the screen/headworks project

They assumed the capacity of the mechanical plant was 1mgd (50% of design)

Does not appear to consider long-term planning- post 2040-50

CIB project- The manager showed a site plan of what was being planned plus other projects. At the end of the project, they would have 3 mgd. It was not a part of CIB to get up to 3 clarifiers. Solids handling was a part of the CIB that would be the dewatering and hauling it off. Rather than putting it onto the farm it will be hauled to a disposal site.

With the lagoons they will have 4.5 mgd.

They are growing nearer to the neighbors and to realize the 3mgd they would need an additional RIB. They will still be operating the lagoons and will need to dredge and aerate. This is a cost estimate of \$50 million. The CIB was just over 20 million with use of impact fees. This will be a very expensive project.

Heidi Franco asked about a methane flame that would be in the project.

Jim Goodley stated that it will be by the digesters.

Heidi- need to design this without the flame.

Jim Goodley stated that this was in the plan with the CIB. The preferred way would not include this. By the time this is designed and built it will be about ten years and take us to 2040. The original mechanical plant is nearing 30 years and is exceeding its service life. He is proposing the MLS will be double what the initial estimate was. The generator will be \$160,000, the headworks upgrade will be 1.7 million with two new screens and odor control. The aeration upgrade will be 1.5 million and the lagoon dredging up to 6 million. He has talked to Mark Anderson and the dredging may be a maintenance issue and CIB may not cover this.

Steve Farrell confirmed that the CIB covers updates and not maintenance.

Heidi Franco asked about the blowers that need maintenance or replacement.

Jim Goodley stated that this is included in the aeration upgrade. If we are to continue with the lagoons, we need to replace the blowers. Aqua did have that included. They could add the blowers in there. He feels that this is a good idea to replace the blowers. If the lagoons are to be short term, do they want to spend the money on the blowers.

Steve Farrell asked about impact fee eligibility for these projects. MLS may be the only one.

Celeste Johnson suggested that they go back to CIB and see how much they are willing to work with us. We are not going to take as much but want to keep the low rate and show them that we have a clear direction and then they might buy it.

Steve Farrell suggested that they go in with their hat in hand and let them know we have an emergency situation and ask for their approval.

The board addressed items for after the CIB project. Significant expansion is unlikely, and they hope to maintain the current system. They need to address the need for increased capacity and the mechanical plant expansion. They addressed building a new parallel system and go to all mechanical treatment.

Jim Goodley stated that we need to sit down and talk to DWQ about doubling the RIBs.

Celeste Johnson stated that if they talk about phasing out the lagoons, we are looking at 150 million. We could not come up with that amount of money.

Brenda Christensen said they have talked for a couple of years about capping and setting boundaries.

Steve Farrell said we should not be responsible for providing service. We do cover MSD, Heber, and Charleston. If we deny annexations, we can show that it will cost 150 million to meet that need as a denial reason.

Solids management-They addressed leaving all solids in the lagoons. The odors are an issue and what will they do in the future. If they dredge, they will need to do it again in 10 to 15 years.

Jim Goodley stated that other plants treat, stabilize it then thicken or dewater it to haul it off to a landfill. The land application for this to the farm is not a good idea. With the growth we need to come up with a long-term plan.

Celeste Johnson stated that clearly there are some financial issues.

Steve Farrell stated that an issue is the cost of the operation to dredge.

Jim Goodley stated that for the path forward they will need to engage with regulatory agencies, address disposal options, hold board workshops, engage the public, address rates and impact fees and financial issues.

Celeste Johnson stated that we are under zero obligation to accept any more density. Annexation is not the issue. It is the density that is affecting us, and we can't expand more than we currently are. She suggested that they hire a consultant to put together a long-range plan. This can take up to a year. Then they will go to Martha for a board statement that will be our guide. They have a lot to consider, and the board is unified, so the next step is CIB.

Brenda Christensen stated that the same ones who went before should be back before them and bring up the issues facing HVSSD.

Steve Farrell stated that the bet move would be to sit down with Candace Powers.

Yvonne Barney asked about the timeline.

Steve Farrell stated that if they have the number and direction they should go. They shouldn't add anything new, just go on the rapid growth as the main need.

Celeste Johnson asked Tina to provide an impact fee update.

Heidi Franco suggested that they put the agreement with Heber and MSD on hold until this is determined.

Steve Farrell stated that in the agreement, if there are over 200 ERUs, they would need to approve it.

Celeste Johnson stated that they should keep moving forward on this. They will need tentative board recommendations regarding build-out and actual use that they can recommend to a consultant. Then they will go out for RFP and will be reaching out to CIB to modify. They will not be taking as much but want to do it right. Then the impact fees will be used for the balance.

Wes Johnson reminded them that Ben Probst stated that they could pay for the screens with impact fees and then pay it back to the fund.

Steve Farrell stated that we should take Jim's presentation and modify it to show to the entities.

5) Managers' Report

Jim Goodley asked if anyone had comments about the report sent to the board. He said DWQ recommended they use it to be consistent with the concept approval. It hasn't been used for years and running it may not be an easy process to update or replace.

Wes Johnson said our concept plan mentions a filtering system and the UV system.

6) Adjourn

With no other business to address a motion was made by Steve Farrell to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Yvonne Barney and the chair asked for a vote:

Clair Provost- Excused

Celeste Johnson- Yes

Steve Farrell- Yes

Yvonne Barney- Yes

Heidi Franco- Yes
Mike Johnston- Excused
Brenda Christensen- Excused

Approved: 7-11-24

Heidi Franco
~~Celeste Johnson~~ - Board Chair
Heidi Franch Board Vice Chair

Janet Carson
Janet Carson- Secretary