

KEELER COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, August 22, 2023, 6 p.m.

Meeting Location: Keeler Volunteer Fire Department

Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 854 7623 3738

Passcode: 401426

Board Members Present: Karen Riggs, Myrna Tew, Sheri Cosgrove, Bailey McRoberts

Members of the Public Present: Tonia Holmes, Hamish Kellam, Grace Holder, Carole Puryear

1. Call Meeting to Order

KCSD Board member Karen Riggs called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

2. Budget and Financial Update

Board Member Riggs provided an update on financials for the month and noted that there was about \$32,000 in grant funding and the district typically has \$60-\$70,000 in cash claims. Ms. Riggs stated that she suspected that the delay from Golden State Water to Keeler causing the annual income to reflect inaccurately.

3. Request for sale of water: Northwind Group proposes to reclaim tailings from the old Keeler Mine for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), moving the existing tailings with arsenic and lead to an onsite repository and then capping the repository. The project would require 30-40,000 gallons of water per day, trucked, for one to two months, starting in January 2024. The water would be used to keep dust levels down.

The Board discussed the proposed work schedule and noted that the Bylaws currently indicate that water should be sold at a rate of \$50 per 4,000 gallons. The Board advised that it planned to have a similar price structure as the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District.

Discussions on public concern, potentially worsened arsenic levels, and whether the system had the capacity to handle 40,000 gallons a day were raised. It was

also noted that some individuals with private wells may be willing to sell water from artesian sources and that this option should be explored.

The Board also expressed concerns about contaminated water being used to mitigate dust levels. It was determined that more information, including a potential environmental impact report, was necessary to identify any adverse impacts on the system and the environment.

The Board confirmed that further discussions would be held at the October 2023 community meeting.

4. Update on CAPPII Clean Air Projects

Karen Riggs provided an update on the contract with the Great Basin Control District and read John Bowden's letter requesting a redistribution of grant funds from Site 2 to Site 1. Site 2 will be partially addressed if any funds are left over from Site 1 completion.

5. Propose lightning rod placement at well site

The Board discussed the need to replace the electrical panel with one that was simpler, better, and potentially lightning protective. They made note that if the panel needed to be removed, SCE would need to be notified, and any work or other installations would be the responsibility of KCSD. It was also noted that Provost & Pritchard's electrical engineer, Hannah Camp, could be contacted in lieu of an electrician to evaluate the electrical panel while the replacement of wiring was being explored.

6. Beach Insurance Cancellation

7. Update on RCAC Bottled Water Delivery

The Board discussed water bottle deliveries and noted that some residents believed that if they were on the delivery list, they would receive deliveries monthly. Hamish Kellam from Provost and Pritchard advised that he would contact RCAC directly to confirm.

8. Operations - Update on Bacteriological tests

The Board was made aware that the Notice had blown down and advised that they would be reposting it once more. Questions were raised on whether the water could be used for dish washing and showering. Dawn White confirmed that it could.

9. Board of Director Reports

Sheri Cosgrove – None.

Myrna Tew – Board member Tew confirmed her documentation with Sierra Employment was complete, and she was now ready to complete work under temporary employment.

Karen Riggs – None.

Bailey McRoberts – None.

10. Public Comment

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.