

## **Eldorado Springs LID Advisory Committee Minutes**

April 15, 2021

Video Conference Meeting

**Members Present:** David Levin, Mary Smith, Cathy Proenza, Vija Handley, Kevin Tone

**Guests:** Gabby Begeman (ORC), Janet Grey, Stephen Sangdahl

**County Staff:** Mark Ruzzin, Jon Adam

Jon Adam opened the meeting at 6:30pm. Cathy Proenza was selected as the committee chair and Kevin Tone was selected as the vice chair.

**Approval of Minutes:** The February and March meeting minutes were approved by the committee.

### **ORC Ops Report (Gabby)**

The old propane tanks behind the facility were taken away along with the old heater/air conditioner. There are no plans to replace the heater/ac unit and the propane lines to the new tank will be updated. The plant is adequately heated and ventilated currently.

TIN numbers have been consistently low but there was an uptick in the organic capacity load last month. Gabby mentioned that plant expansion would be the remedy for consistently high organic loads, but we aren't near that need at this time.

The Dissolved Oxygen (DO) Control unit was approved at the March ESLAC meeting and is currently in the purchasing process at the county. Gabby will make sure that any additional service work beyond the two days included in the price is minimized and she will be looking at having the alarm system changed during the DO install so alarms don't just stay on until someone comes out to the plant to turn them off.

Kevin made a point that the installation of the DO control unit and the consistent TIN levels should be relayed to CDPHE as part of our argument with the Alternatives Analysis. Jon relayed that CDPHE did send a request for information for areas affected downstream of the plant and for more detail on the economic status of the district ratepayers. A new contract with Wright Water Engineers will need to be drawn with the LID to continue with the work on the Alternatives Analysis and Permit Modification.

### **Invoices and Budget**

Jon pointed out that the cost for the junction box replacement listed in the March ORC invoice was forwarded to Boulder County Risk to be submitted on the vandalism insurance claim. Boulder County Building Services did not charge the LID for the installation of the lights, just the cost for the lights.

Jon shared the LID fund balance spreadsheet from the Boulder County Office of Financial Management. The spreadsheet included projected revenues, projected expenditures and a projected fund balance for the year 2021 along with the actuals from 2020. It was requested that the spreadsheet be included in the monthly budget to actual. Jon replied that he will defer that request to the Office of Financial Management staff.

## **New/Old Business**

### Stream Gage

Cathy asked if daily measurements from the stream gage were still needed and asked for more help from the committee to take pictures and update the stream gage spreadsheet. Jon will send Mary the link to the stream gage folder where she can also add more measurements and photos. Both Kevin and Cathy shared that the water level has recently increased in the South Boulder Creek and that the creek will be full again after May 1<sup>st</sup>. Jon will reach out to the City Division of Water Resources to see what they need for continued stream gage measurements.

Jon shared that the State Division of Water Resources will be moving up their plans to install the stream gage at the Barber Lane bridge, possibly this month. He also requested that the State begin with our stream gage location if possible. Colorado Trout Unlimited will also be installing water and air temperature sensors along with a datalogger at the Barber Lane bridge in conjunction with the stream gage.

### LID Security

Jon relayed that there is renewed interest from the County Sherriff on the investigation into the vandalism and there is no word yet from the Colorado Bureau of Investigations. The committee voiced concern that the investigation is taking too long.

Jon acknowledged David's efforts to get a lock from the Rocky Mountain Fire Department to add to the gate lock and that he should move forward with that. Jon will be meeting with City of Boulder Parks and Open Space Staff at the gate to discuss the options for the walk-around as well as any rules concerning leash laws for dogs.

The committee also discussed several options for placement and potential installation of security cameras throughout the district to monitor infrastructure. The discussion was tabled to next month.

### LID Rules and Regulation Rewrite

Jon asked that the committee review the rules and regulations for any additional comments on updates and that he sent them copies in Word to make comments and edits easier. The objective is to finish updating the current rules and regulations and addressing proposed changes from the committee last year. Mark noted the county attorney who works on LID projects found potential small revisions to the rules and regulations that could be addressed.

Further discussions continued involving the lien placed on a property owner in relation to the rules and regulations.

#### Tree Work Update

Jon provided an update on the Siberian Elm trees around the plant. He shared that additional work had been done in the area around the wastewater plant beyond the contracted amount with no additional cost and that there were a few trees that couldn't be removed due to the rock wall, powerlines and a vent stack. Those trees were cut to the ground and a concentrated solution of Epsom salt was applied. Epsom salt applications may still be needed in the Spring and the plant operator, Paul, agreed to do that as needed.

Discussion continued about removing the stumps along the access road to the gate. The committee asked that no additional trees be cut down and only stumps be grinded. Jon will also send the tree trimming quote to the committee for everyone to review. Mary asked to review the quotes and be able to discuss further steps at the next meeting. The committee agreed to discuss further tree work at the next meeting. Cathy asked about removing the fence posts along the North side of the LID property. Kevin asked about having the old irrigation lines removed and Jon agreed he will work on both of those.

#### Public Comment

No comments from the public were provided.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.