

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

June 16th, 2022

TEAMS Video Conference Meeting

**Members Present:** Kevin Tone, David Levin, Janet Gray, Mary Smith

**Guests:** Gabby Begeman

**County Staff:** Jon Adam

**Approval of Minutes:** The May 2022 meeting minutes were approved by the committee.

### **ORC Ops Report**

The Total Inorganic Nitrogen (TIN) level has been well below the permitted limit of 10mg/L for the last three months. Three E1 residential grinders were taken out and one of the grinders needed to be replaced completely, according to Ambient H2O who repairs the grinder pumps.

Ambient recommended PVC full core ball valves for the main line automatic isolation valves on either side of the Barber lane bridge. These valves would be easiest to install because we wouldn't need to excavate the current vaults. Gabby will provide a cost for these new valves as well as check if the current automatic isolation valves can still be turned off and on. It was requested to have scheduled testing of these valves.

### **Invoices and Budget**

ORC hasn't yet sent the May invoice for payment. Diversified Underground had a larger than normal bill for utility locates. The reason why the bill was \$700 is because Xcel is installing new utility poles throughout town. Xcel's electricity bill at the WWTF was higher than usual, about \$100 more than normal. SDMS, who handles all the District's sewer service billing, is now taking care of all the mailing at no additional cost.

### **New/Old Business**

#### Sludge Haul

Gabby will determine if a sludge haul is warranted at this time and will order one if needed. No update on the ARPA funds as of this time.

#### Quarterly Billing Delinquencies

Several District ratepayers have been delinquent on their quarterly sewer service, some for more than one year. County Staff, in response, sent letters to the residences outlining the

need to either pay in full or determine a payment schedule by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Residents who didn't respond by September 30<sup>th</sup> would have those owed balances placed as a lien on their property. Since the letters were issued, most delinquencies have been paid in full.

### Siberian Elm Trees

There has been a significant amount of regrowth along the access road this Spring since being cut back last year. County staff shared a quote previously generated by Urban Woods who removed Siberian Elms around the WWTF via stump grinding and use of Epsom salts as a growth preventer. Urban Woods quoted \$2,250 for stump grinding and Epsom salt application. Committee members mostly agreed to have County staff take care of the Siberian Elms along the access road only. One member asked that all the committee members should at least look at what is being voted on. Those members agreed to do so and readdress the issue at the next meeting. The County Parks and Open Space Weed Manager will also come out, assess and recommend a plan of action for the elms.

### Comments Open for 2025 LID Transfer

A portion of each committee meeting will be open for committee members and the public to express questions, comments and concerns about the upcoming end of the LID in 2025 after the last construction loan has been paid.

David Levin had suggested that we talk about and be prepared to get another loan for ongoing system maintenance and upgrades to the WWTF.

Kevin Tone stated that the community has benefitted greatly from the County running the District and wastewater treatment system. He is concerned about there being no official governing body to run the system if the County steps aside.

Mary Smith asked what will happen in 2025 to be specific. Jon explained what will happen to the LID in its current form in 2025 and that County Staff are researching all the future possibilities for the LID after the final loan gets paid off.

Janet Grey had no comments pertaining to the issue.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.