

Eldorado Springs LID Advisory Committee Minutes

January 19th, 2023

TEAMS Video Conference Meeting

Members Present: Mary Smith, Janet Robinson, Janet Gray

Guests: Stephen Sangdahl

County Staff: Jon Adam, Taylor Ladenburg

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

ORC Ops Report

County Staff reviewed the ops report in Gabby's absence. Effluent Pump 1 was pulled and evaluated, ORC working with Ambiente H2O to replace it. The WWTF electrical panel is now on the electrician's schedule to begin work. The main line shut-off valves are likely to be dug up and evaluated in the summer when the roads are drier.

ORC is working on an automatic refrigerated daily effluent sampling and storage system as well as retroactively getting methanol approved as a carbon source for the treatment process. These are the remaining actions requested by the State DWQ from the WWTF inspection last August.

Invoices and Budget

County staff pointed out a one-time biosolids test for Radium 226 and 228 required by the State DWQ in the ORC invoice for December. The WWTF passed the analysis. The State DWQ is also requiring regularly testing for PFAS ahead of upcoming state regulations.

County staff noted a utility locate charge in Diversified Underground's invoice for an address outside (East) of the district's service area. County staff determined that the locate was requested by the 411 Call Before You Dig service, UNCC and though Diversified Underground didn't perform a utility locate, they did have to charge for driving out to the site. The committee mentioned potential road improvements to Eldorado Springs Dr that might need to be anticipated on the budget for locates.

County staff shared the year-to-date budget and explained that some of the budget items were overspent for the year and some were underspent. One-off issues, like the road excavation and replacement of a back flow preventer for the residential pump at 52 Artesian was over \$15,000. Ambiente H2O pump repairs were under budget in 2022.

County staff will be sharing the end of the year total LID budget as soon as it's determined.

New/Old Business

EAS Pool Sewer Lift Station Update

ORC and an EAS engineer met with the State DWQ and determined both the pool and the ballroom sewer lift stations will need to be reviewed and approved by the state as currently designed. However, ORC is working with EAS to find a design that wouldn't require the approval process and still meet the requirements of the MOU between EAS and the County.

The committee has strongly requested that any lift stations are fully approved or permitted prior to connection. Everything should be done so that the community is not liable for any expenses related to the installations. Also to note that our operator ORC is also the operator for the EAS and might have a conflict of interest.

Electronic Quarterly Billing

County staff reviewed the costs of electronic quarterly billing that was discussed and approved during the December meeting. County staff is working with SDMS to get the electronic billing system set up with Express Bill Pay.

ESLAC New Member Application Update

Committee members previously provided their ranked choices for the committee vacancy applicants and discussed their preferences in more depth during the meeting. The discussion included geographic location, educational background, and experience in the community for each applicant.

The committee asked that County staff ultimately make the final recommendations for the Board of County Commissioners.

Access Road Expansion

County staff is looking into the idea of widening some sections of the access road in order to provide more room for larger vehicles, like pump trucks, to turn around to and avoid conflict with the neighbors. Taylor proposed making the expansions to the existing parking area next to the WWTF.

The committee agreed that more community input is needed, with care taken not to disturb the meadow environment. Alternatives should also be considered such as working out access with the neighbors or finding parking elsewhere.

Comments Open for 2025 LID Transfer

Taylor plans to brief the new county commissioner and get more guidance from the county on the plans for LID. Once more information is known, a broader conversation can take place. Jon explained how discussions will need to include ways to increase current revenue shortfalls. Decisions can't be made until more information is available from county leadership.

Public Comment

There were no public comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.