

Eldorado Springs LID Advisory Committee Minutes

June 20, 2024

TEAMS Video Conference Meeting

Members Present: Janet Gray, Mary Smith, Alex North, Janet Robinson, Virginia Gurley

Guests: Gabby Begeman (ORC), Mary Collins (ORC), Doug Larson

County Staff: Taylor Ladenburg, Jennifer Keyes, Dave Webster, Steve Durian, Olivia Lucas

Minutes: April Minutes approved, May Minutes not reviewed

Action Items:

- Scope of work for the generator bid was wildly out of expectations, new bids or a request to have Coleman refine their bid will be done to work towards the backup generator.
- Bids for the access hatch were reasonable and will be sent out to the committee for review

Compliance reports: Ecoli above limits in May, partially explained due to inadequate sludge hauls

ORC Ops Report:

- Tin Limit met in May
- June Sludge haul completed without issue
- Going forward we will need to do more full sludge hauls as well as the smaller hauls.
- Spare parts list ordered and is being shipped.

Invoices and Budget

- ORC Labor higher than average
- Methanol Transport listed on ORC invoice, they had returned unused methanol but did not yet credit us for that fund.
- New Landscaping bill
- Taylor will continue working on budget analysis so that we are not over budget each year.

New/Old Business:

- Adding a second and possibly third access hatch could increase efficiency of smaller hauls. We are also continuing to look into a separate digester tank that will allow us to manage the 'bugs' in the tank and possibly have more efficient hauls.
- Adding tree trimming to a yearly schedule instead of waiting for McDonald Farms to refuse the job. Taylor spoke with Scott, who is next to the plant and we confirmed with him, and the committee that the county doesn't plan to remove any native vegetation.

- Several committee members have collected signatures and the county will work with them to get all the petitions notarized and delivered to the commissioners.
- New Committee member applications close July 10th, and July 26th will be the end of the feedback period.
- Rate increases were discussed to bring our revenue more closely balanced to our operational budget. Continuing to spend capital funds on operational use is not sustainable.
 - We discussed anywhere from 10% to 40% as needed.
 - No rate increases have happened since 2016.
 - At 40%, most residents would see an increase of \$20 a month.
 - The committee voted to recommend approval of a 40% rate increase with county considerations on potential impact to fixed income residents, legal ability to increase by that amount, and future growth considerations.
 - The Rate increases recommended by the advisory committee would be presented to the commissioners in a “regular business meeting” and not have to be a separate public hearing.

Comments Open for 2025 LID Transfer

The meeting adjourned at: 7:26pm

New Action Items: