

Eldorado Springs LID Advisory Committee Minutes

May 16, 2024

TEAMS Video Conference Meeting

Members Present: Janet Gray, Mary Smith

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

County Staff: Taylor Ladenburg, Jennifer Keyes, Mike Thomas, Steve Durian, Olivia Lucas

Minutes: No Quorum to vote on minutes.

Action Items:

Investigate generator upgrade – This is an on-going project that requires engineering. The county will use one of their continuing services engineers to determine what requirements are needed.

Access to grinder pits – This is an on-going issue that was urgent in one scenario due to the power outage. Reminders will be sent out to the community to not block the pits.

Look into Multi-Channel communication, beyond emails, for the community. – We are looking into different means of communication beyond email. Especially given the power outage we need to find a way to get out any messages pertaining to the LID. We are looking into text, email, the bulletin board, and perhaps the bridges.

Finalize and distribute petition and map. (Still need three names) – Three names were selected for the petition. The map and petition were sent out and the map is available on the website. Its now ready for the community to get signatures. The three names is just a statutory requirement and doesn't carry any risk for those three.

County investigating the option for a special election next spring. – If the first vote fails, we would not need another petition to have a special election. The petitioners would likely want to see some changes that would help get the vote passed or more names on the petition.

Taylor to get exact deadlines for committee applications and to send out application details. - Applications opened May 5th and will close Wednesday, July 10th. Invites were sent out to the community.

Investigate sludge hauling efficiency with smaller pumps with higher frequency. – Jenn, Taylor, and Mike met onsite with ORC to look at locations for protentional access points to the tank. The smaller pumps are not taking out enough solids and we would still need larger pumps to remove solids.

Taylor to prepare a more detailed information sheet about rate increases. – The four year average shows a need for a 23% increase in rates. Based on our two highest years, we would need a 42% increase. Ideally we increase rates over the next few years to get to the 42% or more.

Compliance reports: Plant is in compliance.

ORC Ops Report:

- More frequent but smaller sludge hauling has not been efficient for solids.
- UV Bulbs received.
- Ordered replacement Autosampler parts, ordered Magnesium Hydroxide mixer.
- Volatile Suspended Solids testing will begin to see exactly how efficient the smaller hauls have been.

Invoices and Budget

- All invoices within their normal range.
- WWE March invoice arrived this month

New/Old Business:

- The petition to create a PID and replace the LID does not reflect any price changes in the fees. The assessment from the loan disappears either way. Rates need to be increased either way as well.

Comments Open for 2025 LID Transfer

The meeting adjourned at: 7:26pm

New Action Items: