

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SOUTH DURANGO SANITATION DISTRICT**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Durango Sanitation District was held on May 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at 65 Mercado Street, Durango, Colorado.

Present at the meeting were the following members of the Board of Directors:

Curt Piccoli  
Judy Campbell – via telephone  
Tom Price

Also present were Dave Marsa, Doug Davis, Bud Smith and Eric Hassel. Rick Johnson participated by phone.

The Board reviewed the minutes of April 18, 2023. On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

The Board reviewed and approved payment of the District invoices.

The April 2023 financial statements of the District were reviewed. Expenditures are all below budget projections.

Attorney Smith introduced Eric Hassel who submitted his resume for consideration for the District manager's position. Eric reviewed his background, discussed his current employment as the District Manager for Purgatory Metropolitan District and answered questions. The Board unanimously approved moving ahead with the hiring process which will include Loma Linda Sanitation District review and approval. It will also be necessary to post a notice 14 days prior to any formal job offer.

The monthly operations report was presented.

- Flows are higher than usual, likely due to high groundwater from the above average snowfall.
- Manganese reading was higher than usual although well below the projected limit.
- District staff has been working on replacement of the UV bulbs and anticipates better disinfection.
- The new well has been drilled to a depth of 40'. It will be tested by Brooks Well Service to determine if there is adequate production.
- The data logging system appears to be fully operational.
- Sludge processing has started.

Stephan Kimball has received his Class C Wastewater operator certification. He requested Board approval to attend schooling to prepare for testing for the Class B certification. The Board congratulated Stephan on his Class C certification and approved his request payment of lodging and school expenses.

Rick Johnson provided an update on various projects. The Crader Lot 1R-R plans have been approved and installation of the sewer improvements should start soon. Mark Crom will inspect the new car wash to determine if flows are within the projected range.

The Board discussed Kimball's recent certification and the District policy of recognizing employee education and training. On motion duly made and seconded the Board authorized an increase of \$1.52 per hour in Kimball's hourly rate.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.