

SPRING CREEK / COW CREEK SANITARY DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
MONTHLY MEETING
Wednesday, August 11, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Spring Creek / Cow Creek Sanitary District was held at the GF&P Shed at Spring Creek Resort on August 11, 2021. Chairman Utech called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Chairmen Utech, Russell and Wiseman along with Clerk Anderson and Superintendent Ripley were in attendance. Also present were residents of the District, David Reiss with Central SD Enhancement District, Lyle Schumack with Bartlett & West and Kevin Coldsmith with the Midwest Assistance Program.

Utech called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Russell made a motion to change the order of the agenda to accommodate a guest presenter's schedule. Wiseman seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes from the July 14, 2021 annual meeting were presented. Utech made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Russell seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

David with the Central SD Enhancement District reported to the Board that he has completed the State Water Plan Application for Waste Water. Chairman Utech will execute the application for Reiss to submit to the SD Dept of Ag and Natural Resources. Reiss walked the Board through the application process and what to expect during the next steps of the process. He encouraged Board presence at the State's November meeting where they review the application.

Lyle with Bartlett & West was present to discuss the options available for updating the lagoon system. His first point of discussion was the need for a new liner at the North Cell. He also presented the two options available for the lagoon update. Option One is a Dispersal System. This option has less odor, but would be one of the first in South Dakota with our capacity. Option Two is a Wetland System. SD DANR can approve this Option under certain levels. Federal EPA would have to approve if over the State levels. He will provide more information once the District decides the best option to take.

Lyle also reported that the hydraulic study is on track with his office and he presented a contact name for private funding of the updates to the System as another option.

Kevin with the Midwest Assistance Program was present to discuss how his office could help the District. He focuses on Rural Development, a federal program. He indicated that the Federal application process is much more difficult than the State process, and recommended the Board seek State and Private funding as his program may be too cost prohibitive. Kevin also indicated his office can help provide training and assistance to our Superintendent.

Superintendent Ripley presented his monthly report to the Board, including daily usage readings for June and July. He also reported to the Board on the nation-wide meter shortage and that he was informed we may not be able to restock our supply until November. The Board will need to provide an alternative for new hook-ups in the meantime.

Wiseman presented the Treasurer's Report for July, 2021. He reported no concerns to the financial statements and cash position continues to grow. Russell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Utech seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Wiseman discussed preparation of the 2022 Budget. It was decided to table the budget until the September meeting as more information was needed by the Clerk.

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Clerk Anderson presented the monthly Accounts Payable to the Board. These include: Anderson Nill & Associates – \$2104.78; Capital Journal - \$232.13; Doug Ripley - \$1966.33; Dwane Russell - \$77.56; Lammers, Kliebacker - \$133.00; Mid Dakota Rural Water – \$5,388.95; Midcontinent Communications - \$40.38; Northwest Pipe Fittings - \$7309.63; SD Public Assurance Alliance - \$451.05; SD Public Health Lab - \$181.00; SD 811 - \$38.85. Utech made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Russell seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the updated contract with Mid Dakota Rural Water to include a one-time fee to amend the contract and additional water usage to be provided. Utech made a motion to approve the contract. Russell seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk Anderson reported to the Board that no applications have been received by her office to date, although the ads have been viewed on the website and the SDWorks site.

No developers were present to give updates to the Board on their application processes.

Agenda Items 10 and 11 to review drafted ordinances were tabled for future discussion as the Board did not find them relevant at this point.


Utech opened the floor to public comment. Discussions were held regarding the need for legal action on new development if ordinances are not followed, if the new system expansion will be able to guarantee water supply and the recommendation for a new or bigger water tower. Utech thanked all of the members who came to the meeting, stating it is very helpful for the Board to make decisions when they have public input. He encouraged continued attendance.

Utech made a motion to call the Board into Executive Session at 8:53 p.m. to discuss contracts. Russell seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Utech made a motion to call the Board out of Executive Session at 9:07 p.m. Wiseman seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Utech made a motion to approve the contract with Anderson, Nill & Associates to continue providing accounting and clerk services to the District with a monthly increase of \$175. Wiseman seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Being no further business, Utech made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. Russell seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.



Vic Utech, Chairman

ATTEST:



Jennifer Anderson, Clerk