

SPRING CREEK / COW CREEK SANITARY DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
MONTHLY MEETING
Wednesday, November 10, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Spring Creek / Cow Creek Sanitary District was held at the Dakota Sky Lodge, 19602 Landing Avenue November 10, 2021. Chairman Utech called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m.

Chairmen Utech, Russell and Wiseman along with Clerk Anderson, Superintendents Ripley and Zuber, and Legal Counsel Cody Miller were in attendance. Also present were thirty-four residents of the District and guests from Bartlett & West and Central SD Enhancement District.

Utech called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Utech made a motion to approve the agenda with one schedule change and one addition to assign a Trustee to represent the District in front of the Sully County Planning & Zoning Commission. Russell seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

David Reiss with the Central SD Enhancement District presented the Board with the completed Clean Water Facility Plan Application. Reiss also indicated that he would be sending the NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING for the Drinking Water and Clean Water Plans to the Clerk for publication in the official newspapers. The NOTICES must be published 10 days prior to the hearing. Russell made a motion to accept and adopt the Plan as presented. Wiseman seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Utech made a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) to consult with Legal Counsel at 6:09 p.m. Russell seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Wiseman made a motion to move into Regular Session at 6:51 p.m. Utech seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes from the October 13, 2021 monthly meeting were presented. Russell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Wiseman seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes from the November 4, 2021 special meeting were presented. Utech made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Russell seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Utech declared a conflict of interest and transferred his authority to Russell. Russell opened the floor to public comment. Representatives from Bartlett & West presented their reports and findings from the Hydraulic Study, and their findings and proposals for the Drinking Water and Clean Water Improvements projects being submitted to the SD DANR State Funding Plan for consideration. Comments from the membership included clarification of the proposed tank size, clarification on how new developments would be covered under the projects and how developers would be required to fund expansion to the existing system. Questions also arose as to the condition of the current system and how long has this been a problem. Other members inquired as to the expansion options of the lagoon and where that expansion could or would occur. Chairman Russell thanked the public for their communications and advised that the Board would take all comments into consideration with improvement plans. Russell closed the public comments session and transferred his authority back to Utech.

Superintendents Ripley and Zuber presented their monthly report. Ripley noted he received four new hookup applications during the month, the anticipated meter supply shortage has been rectified for short term and that a new ball valve kit has been ordered from Mid Dakota to replace the faulty valve on the tank. Zuber reported that he is working with Mid Dakota to link the iPad to their SCADA system.

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Wiseman presented the Treasurer's Report for October, 2021. He pointed to the current and upcoming consultant fees increasing as we pursue the Facility Plans for system improvements. Russell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Utech seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk Anderson presented the monthly Accounts Payable to the Board. These include: Anderson Nill & Associates - \$2,422.63; Bartlett & West - \$18,122.62; Core & Main - \$39.68; Doug Ripley - \$1966.33; Hi-Plains Storage - \$925.00; Lammers, Kliebacker - \$76.00; Mid Dakota Rural Water - \$4,707.05; Midcontinent Communications - \$40.06; SDML Workers Comp Fund - \$795.00; SD Public Health Lab - \$196.00; SD 811 - \$170.03. Wiseman made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Utech seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

It was moved by Russell and seconded by Utech that Ordinance No. 2022-1, Regulation of Water Use, an Ordinance of the Spring Creek/Cow Creek Sanitary District, relating to water use, water rates, fees, regulations and penalties for violations thereof for the area be given a SECOND reading. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

It was moved by Russell and seconded by Utech that the Board adopt a Style and Form Revision to Appendix A of Ordinance 2021-2: Regulation of Sewer Use to update the Appendix to match that of Ordinance 2022-1. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on options to keep members notified of important information and emergency outages via text message, in addition to the current email blast system. The Clerk reported on her findings for costs of this service. Russell made a motion to implement the texting alert system via twilio.com. Utech seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The Board instructed Clerk Anderson to start the process.

Bartlett & West presented the final Hydraulic Study to the Board. Wiseman made a motion to approve the Hydraulic Study as presented. Russell seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Russell reported on the Corp of Engineers Easement with the SD Game Fish & Parks and the District. Russell noted that the SD GF&P was currently rewriting the easements for clarity and would present to the Board when they were ready for review.

Chairman Utech reported no updates to the Site Plans with new developers.

Due to the Open Meeting Laws and the limited number of Board Members, legal counsel advised that the Board appoint one Trustee to represent the District with Sully County Planning and Zoning Commission. Wiseman indicated a desire to serve in this capacity. Russell made a motion to appoint Wiseman as the District Representative. Utech seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Being no further business, Utech made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Russell seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.


Board Chairman

ATTEST:


Jennifer Anderson, Clerk