

SPRING CREEK / COW CREEK SANITARY
DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, March 2, 2023

The Spring Creek/Cow Creek Sanitary District called a special meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2023 to hear an update on the revised Sewer Facilities Plan from its engineers at Bartlett & West. The meeting was held via Zoom Conference only. Chairman Schuh called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Chairmen Schuh, Bacon, Wiseman, Superintendent Zuber, Clerk Anderson and Attorney Miller were in attendance. Also present were 11 residents and 8 guests.

Wiseman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Schuh seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Schuh asked the Board to declare any Conflicts of Interest. No conflicts were declared.

Schuh asked for Lyle Schumack at Bartlett & West to open the discussion regarding the Sewer Facilities Plan. Lyle started by giving a history on the Lagoon system, originally built in 1991, to the letter received from SD DANR in 2019 notifying the County of a failed liner and leaking pond, to the current day and where the District stands in order to improve the system according to SD DANR specifications. See email correspondence to follow as Attachment 1.

At this point in the meeting, Lyle asked his associate, Jim Ross to present the Board with their alternatives to the originally approved design. See Attachment 2 to follow.

Bartlett & West offered to answer any questions after their presentation. One resident asked if all alternatives increase the population equivalent. Mr. Ross responded that they did. The current design is for 400 population equivalents (2 people per household) and the alternatives allow for 625-1160 population equivalents.

Wiseman indicated that he was most interested in Alternatives #5 and #6. Bacon questioned Bartlett & West if they had a ball-park idea of the cost for these 2 Alternatives. Mark Baltzer replied that the equipment only was in excess of \$1 Million and does not include installation, concrete, electricity, site preparation, etc. Wiseman asked if the District needed just 2 units. Baltzer replied that to meet peak usage during July 4th weekends and to accommodate the SD DANR requirement of 60 Population Equivalents, the District would need 3 units. Baltzer also stated this is a possible overdesign for normal usage periods.

Schuh also expressed her interest in Alternatives #5 and #6, but would like more information. Mr. Schumack stated they would provide more information on these two alternatives at the regular monthly meeting on March 8, 2023.

Schuh opened the discussion to public comments. One resident advised the Board to take into consideration the required population equivalents, including campers, when looking at costs. According to his calculations, the District would need approximately 2,400 population equivalents at its peak usage, making this project much more expensive than the Board of Trustees anticipates.

With no further public comment, Schuh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m. Wiseman seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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Kathleen Schuh, Board Chairman

ATTEST:


Jennifer Anderson, Clerk