

MINUTES
FALL RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
-- SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES --
September 22, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Monath called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS:

Director's present: DeWitt, Hendrix, Monath; Via Zoom: Gooch

VISITORS: Bill Johnson, Dale Kroschel, Sharmie Stevenson Via Zoom: Paul Reuter, PACE Eng.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

❖ **Pace Engineering presentation - Sewer Improvements**

- Paul Reuter reviewed the presentation for the Town Hall meeting next week, September 29th.
 - Project Background
 - Planning grant obtained in 2016 from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)
 - District wide master sewer plan completed
 - Construction funding application submitted mid 2020 to service Fall River High School, with 3 lift stations and force main and gravity sewers along hwy 299.
 - The CWSRF would like the District to expand the project to include all of McArthur.
 - Funding Opportunity
 - CWSRF has \$650 million in grant fund for septic to sewer projects
 - Per project capped removed - No limit on project size
 - CWSRF has advised the District to
 - Expand the project scope and cost
 - Update current environmental documents
 - Submit updated application
 - Funding Timeframe
 - June 30, 2024 - Allocate project funding
 - June 30, 2026 - Spend allocated project funding
 - The District needs to commit to the project asap to meet these deadlines.
 - The environmental could take up to 12 months
 - Proposed Project
 - Entire McArthur service area
 - Fairground, except the RV Park
 - Hwy 299 corridor between McArthur and Fall River Mills
 - Sierra Center Subdivision

- Fall River Golf Course Subdivision
- Included Improvements:
 - Upgrade/increase capacity of the hospital lift station (LS2)
 - Replace existing LS 2 force main - larger pipe size
 - Upgrade LS 1 and LS 3 by replacing pumps/motors, electrical, controls, and SCADA (subject to CWSRF approval).
- Proposed Project Cost
 - McArthur Collection System Improvements
 - \$5,860,000
 - Fairgrounds Collection System
 - \$1,330,000
 - Hwy 299 Conveyance Improvements
 - \$3,020,000
 - Hwy 299 Collection Improvement (west of Oak St)
 - \$3,870,000
 - Sierra Center Subdivision Collection Improvements
 - \$1,870,000
 - LS 2 & FRM Improvements
 - \$1,400,000
 - Fall River Golf Course Subdivision Collection System
 - \$1,650,000
 - LS 1 and LS 3 Improvements
 - \$400,000
 - Total Estimated Project Cost (February 2024 Dollars): \$32,700,00
- Questions
 - Samples of expected questions from the public
- Why Support the Project
 - Unprecedented opportunity
 - No cap on funding
 - Pays for all work on private property
 - Eliminates future Operation and Maint. Costs for existing septic systems
 - Will allow for easier development within the community
 - May increase property values
- Next Steps
 - The District needs to authorize completion of project environmental review documents - \$70K+/-
 - Will take 10-12 months to complete
 - District authorize completion of revised construction application materials - \$25K+/-
 - The District consider strategies for completing design:
 - Option 1 – Obtain interim financing
 - Option 2 – Obtain advance from State (Looking into)
 - All costs expended toward the project will be reimbursed to the District after project funding is secured.
- Approximate Schedule
 - Complete Construction Funding Application - September 2022

- Project Funding Commitment Obtained - September 2023
- Complete Design - December 2023
- Bidding /Award/Contract Execution - April 2024
- Begin Construction - May 2024
- Begin Construction on Private Property - May 2025
- Project Completion - June 2026
- Sharmie Stevenson - can the construction begin sooner than 2024?
 - Paul Rueter - That is just the deadline, it is possible, but there is a lot to get done before then.

❖ **Project Financing**

- The District will need to acquire interim financing
 - At this point the state will reimburse interest and origination fees
 - Environmental and design is reimbursable
- If funding is acquired through the USDA, Enplan would need to do a separate NEPA document.

❖ **Test Well Project Update**

- The hydrogeologist Bonnie Lampley, has elicited some areas that would not be feasible.
 - Cultural recourses on the South side of the Pit River limit the usability
- There are a couple properties close to the District office in Fall River Mills that may be feasible.
 - Trying to keep away from the fault line that runs through the valley.
 - The RCD owns land surrounding the FRLT and west of the sewer ponds.
 - GM Ray may talk to them about the possibilities there
 - Dale says that there is also the Knoch property across from the frosty, next to the cemetery.

❖ **Intermountain Fair/CSD Water Well Possibilities**

- Dale Kroschel with the NRCS and the Heritage Foundation President
- Sharmie Stevenson is the Executive Director with the RCD
- Fairgrounds IRWM grant funded project started four years ago
 - Completely re do potable and non potable water and septic issues.
 - Part of the project included drilling a new well
- The current well is an ag well and the other provides livestock and irrigation water for the ball fields
 - This well pumps a ton of sand and is not doing well
- Waiting on PGE to permit crossing of the canal
 - The well location is located just west of the CSD well off of Lewis Rd
- Planned a potable water well to provide water for the fairgrounds
 - The SWRCB would not authorize them to have a potable water well and it was suggested they reach out to the CSD on drilling a well and provide a backup potable water well.

- Would like the CSD to lease the well from the fairgrounds
 - Do all the monitoring
 - Have a lot of details to work out
 - From 600-800 feet deep
 - Way more water than what the fairgrounds needs on its own
 - Chairman Monath - Mey Bunte suggests to hold off considering until the well is drilled and the quality and quantity are known.
 - Will be available for negotiations
 - Everyone wants to Fairgrounds to succeed
- The well can be drilled at any time, even though they are waiting on permission to cross the canal.
 - The other option, if the CSD can use the well also, is to connect into the system from Lewis Rd
 - Dale Kroschel asks if the board would be interested in this.
 - Chairman Monath - this is all up for negotiation when the time comes. There are questions about if the CSD lines would be able to handle the water going through the lines if tied in at Lewis Rd.
 - Kroschel - The pressure issues could be improved with the VFD that will be installed on the new well.
 - Would like an answer from the board as to whether the CSD is interested in working with the Fairgrounds on this if it is potable.
 - Paul would encourage the District to leave the lines of communication open.
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Special Board Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm

- **The next Regular Board Meeting is 10/13/2021**

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Chairman

General Manager