

West Great Falls Flood Control & Drainage District  
PO Box 791 Great Falls, MT 59403-0791  
February 20 2024  
Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

**Location of Meeting:** Temple Baptist Church 313 18<sup>th</sup> St SW, Great Falls, MT

**Call to Order:** 7:03 PM by Commissioner Rogers

**Roll Call:** Commissioners Sandy Mares, Fred Fairhurst and Chuck Rogers - quorum was present.

**Public Attendance:** Judy Rogers, Brendon Renninger, Thayalan Annon, Dave Fuller and Matt Fuller.

**Presentations:** Dave Fuller with Bug Doctor presented Bug Doctor's procedure for the 2023-2024 Levee maintenance. The Bug Doctor was awarded the contract for the District. Brendon Renninger with Terrascapes was awarded the grounds keeping Contract and presented his proposed procedures to the District. Both companies signed their contracts.

**Reading of Minutes:** Minutes for Meeting January 16, 2024 approved as submitted.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Treasurers' Report-Rogers:** January 2024: Operations Balance \$494,289.07 Maintenance Reserve Balance \$52,808.07 Flood Emergency Balance \$25,440.00.

**Election Report-Rogers:** Commissioner Fairhurst is only candidate to file as of meeting.

**Inspection Report:** Delayed by weather.

**Mowing Contract Report:** Terrascapes was awarded contract.

**Pest Control Report-Fairhurst:** Dustin Ashby has his traps set. Dustin Ashby and Mark Tracy have been in communication and working well together. They will report to the District all successful takes. Commissioner Fairhurst is pleased with both of them.

**Fencing Report -Rogers:** Dennis Vroman with Fairfield Fencing put in two gates as requested by the 323 channel and also repaired holes in fence west of 323. Invoice submitted

**Annual Fiscal Report- Mares:** Report is completed and accepted by the Montana Department of Administration, local Government Services Bureau. Both will get back with the District if additional information is needed. District is under dollar limit for being audited.

**Woody Vegetation Report- Mares:** Donnie Leithiezer with Western Enterprises has completed the work contracted and submitted an invoice to the District. Weather conditions have not permitted an inspection but since past work has always been satisfactory recommended the invoice be paid.

**Lake Drain Upgrade Status Report- Rogers:** The District has received a letter from the Cascade Flood Plain Administrator with requirement for a hydrological study. Josh Summers with Great West Engineering will see if he can get Kevin from the Flood Administrator's Office to go and look at lake drain in hopes that a hydrological study is not needed.

**Permit Required Confined Space Progress- Fairhurst:** A general discussion answered questions Commissioner Fairhurst had on who would be responsible for gas monitoring before entry into confined spaces. With the clarification that would be contractor's responsibility, he can complete the permit requirements.

**Potts Summons and Complaint Against the District- Rogers:** Waiting on the settlement conference with mediator. The District's attorney feels all will eventually go away.

**Status of Court Report- Mares:** Completed and will be filed February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Road Repair Report:** suspended due to weather conditions.

**Internet/WEB Page Status Report- Rogers:** In a general discussion, Commissioner Fairhurst suggested looking at Mouse River's web page as very detailed. Commissioner Rogers will pursue more.

**Snow Pack and Flood Report-Rogers:** With snow pack at only 52% could have issues filling Wadsworth Lake unless we get more snow or rain.

**Flood Fight Training -Mares:** Training this Thursday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 to 3:00 MST via zoom.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Discussion and approval of Annual Calendar- Rogers:** Schedule of what District wants to get completed and dates to complete was adopted with amendments made as needed during year.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Approve 2024 Fiscal Year Court Report- Rogers:** Approved as prepared and to be submitted.

**Sediment Mitigation cost share with Sun River Watershed Group:** Group works to clean up Sun River Sediment. Board approved a \$500 cost share to be presented to the watershed group.

**Pre-inspection pipe cleaning- Rogers:** District was written up in the 2020 pipe inspection for muddy pipes. Mike Andre was not able to find anyone with equipment to clean them. Commissioner Fairhurst mentioned Calumet or volunteer fire departments. Commissioner Rogers will check with the owner of Taylor's Transport who is the Fire Chief for Gore Hill Fire Department.

**PUBLIC COMMENT- NONE**

**Invoices to Be Paid-Rogers:** Commissioner Mares \$158.61, Commissioner Rogers \$158.61, Fairfield Fencing \$1,388.00, Fred Fairhurst post card reimbursement \$477.66, Great West Engineering \$350.00, Western Enterprises \$12,870.00. Payments were approved.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:03 PM

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Charles Rogers  
Commissioner

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Fred L. Fairhurst  
Commissioner

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Sandy J. Mares  
Commissioner