

Sylvan Lakes Metropolitan District Work Session Meeting 8/09/2014 4:00 PM
WATER

Lake County Public Library – Amax Room

Board Members Present:

Irv Tracy

Ginny Peros

Greg Conway

Jerry Vargo

Via phone: Alan Agee

Attendees:

Ante Peros

Dick Reed

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM

This is a special work session on water only. Robert Cole of SDA (Collins, Cockrell & Cole) sent a letter to inform us on how these meetings work, his letter is attached.

First thing is to verify that we are working together with Greg Conway, private owner of Hartner Ditch #1 and the lakes associated with it, who is also a SLMD board member. This collaboration is to enhance the water volume that we have to offer for water storage and thereby increasing our chances of obtaining water through storage availability.

GINNY'S REPORT:

After the 6/28/14 Ginny has researched several water engineers:

Called for recommendations from Mike Conlin, planner and Craig Stuller, Mt. Massive Golf Course Manager and water board member. Their recommendations coincided. She called the following in order of recommendations:

Ross Bethel, LLC: He is soon to retire and is not taking on any new clients but he did recommend Grand River Consultants, Kerry Sundeen, who was also recommended by Craig and Mike.

Grand River Consultants, (970) 945-2237 / 718 Cooper Ave., Glenwood Springs
81601 Kerry Sundeen

Ginny spoke with Tyler Benton an associate and explained our situation. He said he would speak with Kerry Sundeen and get back with us. He seemed knowledgeable about the water situation in Lake County and seemed to understand what we were up against. He mentioned the need for a Temporary Substitute Water Plan as well as a long-term plan for water augmentation but he was in agreement that our needs

could be useful to what Lake County had planned. After several phone calls he agreed to send a bid for a scope of work that they could do for us but did say it would be approximately \$10,000. He suggested that we talk with the Pueblo Board of Water Works – which is what Irv is investigating. He stated that a short-term lease of water from PB of WW would be about \$630/acre feet. We are still approximating the acre-feet needed but if the requirement were from 35 to 38 AF it would be about \$21,000 annually. This would be the cost for both lake systems and Greg assured everyone that he would be responsible for his part. We also spoke about improving the volume of the lakes, in order to store more water and make our lakes more valuable to Lake County or other resources. He said they worked with water, not the actual lakes and that we would have to find a hydrology firm to work with us on actual construction of new head gates and engineering deeper, less surface acreage lakes. In the last phone call he recommended we speak with the Aurora Water representative that is working with Lake County, Gerry Knapp. They have a contract with Lake County and have water to store.

Resource Engineering, Eric Mangeot. Lake County's Water Engineer firm

We both agreed that there might be a conflict of interest if we hired their firm but he was very helpful and also suggested we contact not only Pueblo but also Aurora for leasing or storing water.

She contacted Gerry Knapp. He said he would get back with further options.

Ginny will contact Craig Stuller to see if we can get a copy of Mount Massive Golf Course Temporary Substitute Water Plan.

We need an Hydrologist to help with planning improving the lakes.

She will also call about the meeting on Weds. Aug. 13, 2014 with Aurora water. Contact Greg Brunjak about how they have solved their water rights Mt. Massive Lake Estates issues.

Talk with Homestake Trout Club as well.

IRV's REPORT

Due diligence standpoint we need to agree on what problem we are trying to solve. Partnership option vs. do it ourselves option. We need documentation to prove due diligence vs. trying to go it alone. We need the big partners to run interference for us – whether it is Lake County, Pueblo or Aurora. We need a clear vision of what we are going to do.

GREG'S REPORT:

Letter from Eric Mangeot, Water Resource Management.

Letter from Bruce Smith

Letter from Brian Sutton was read.

Criteria: an established lease contract with someone.

They do not get paid until we have a lease in place.

We need to put something on the ballot to continue tax money coming in to pay for whatever water plan we come up with. The first election would be 5/2016.

Improve the lakes before we figure out where and how to get the water.

We need to find grants to improve the lakes. Speak with Mike Bordogna. Ante Peros submitted that Lake County Commissioner Mike Bordogna would soon, possibly on August 13, 2014, be in discussion possibly with people related to interests in storing water by the City of Aurora possible at Sylvan Lakes. Ante Peros will try to find out the results of this critical meeting and what Sylvan Lakes should do.

We could double or treble the lake volume for storage, improve gates and measurement instruments.

Greg e-mail to Mike – questions about water and lake improvement grants.

Meet again after the Aurora/Lake County meeting on the 13th

Storage

Lake improvement

Existing lakes

High elevation

Lake Maintenance Contract discussed

Alan Agee discussed his concern with progress on the service contract for maintenance on the lakes, related reports on such, progress to date and how a lack of water affects this work. Subsequent discussion by the group centered on improvement of communication methods used to initiate discussion of these topics.

Details of work done by Ante this summer will be submitted by Aug. 31st.

Concerning the topic of water, it was clear that the group collectively agreed that we KNOW that we do NOT KNOW enough about the highly complex engineering, legal, procedural and political aspects of the current 'CO Water' situation or topic to reach any conclusions other than the need for an expert in said subject matter. Secondly,

said consulting expertise is highly valuable and not an area where 'bargain prices' should be sought.

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