

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDIAN HILLS WATER DISTRICT  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO**

For the Meeting Held October 19, 2023

The meeting was held in person at the Grace Hills Community Church and was attended by Directors Kepley, Cunningham, and Mosby and Managers Kristin Waters and Matt Micklich, and one community member. Directors Ryplewski and Pesce were absent and excused.

Meeting called to order 6:34 pm

Posting of Notice. The meeting agenda was posted in advance as required by law.

Meeting Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made and seconded. It was approved by a vote of 3 – 0.

Meeting Minutes: Change to attendees listed: C Vargo replaced by M Micklich. A motion was made to approve the September 21, 2023 minutes, seconded and the minutes were approved 3 – 0.

Audience/Customer Comments or Concerns:

No audience in attendance during this part of the meeting

Administration/Financial Reports: Check report was reviewed with a motion made to approve checks 15271 – 15297 and EFT's. Report approved by a vote of 3 – 0. Cash Balance Status, Fund Class Report, Cash Flow Statement, and Accounts Receivable Aging/Customer Past Due reports were reviewed.

Budget Calendar:

10/13/2023 Draft Budget presented to Board

11/8/2023 Post Notice of Public Hearing in newspaper

11/16/2023 Public Hearing & adoption of Budget, approve Resolutions for Budget & Mill Levy

12/15/2023 Budget adoption deadline and Mill Levy certification due to County.

1/31/2024 Annual Budget filing due to Dept of Local Govt

Legal/Information Updates: Proposition HH on the ballot in November – property taxes could decrease and tabor refunds could change through 2032. Part of reduced Tabor refund dollars may reimburse Special Districts for loss of revenue.

Operations Report:

- New operations team is learning the system and evaluating needed changes for optimal operation.

- Storage tanks are 64% full.
- Back-up generators have been set at 3 locations.
- 1/2 Booster station improvements
- Nitrates are averaging 9.7 - 9.8 this month.
- Nitrate removal system pilot program will be scheduled in November to record data during fall/dry season.

Board Items:

Budget – Draft budget given to Board on 10/13/2023. Line items, Operations recommendations, and upcoming projects were reviewed. All expenses are increasing in recent years. Engineering estimates that project costs have increased by 20% plus 10% in fuel costs since 2020. The final budget will be approved at the 11/16/2023 Board Meeting.

Public Hearing - Customer Rates, Fees, and Charges Review -

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The Public Hearing was called to order at 8:57 pm by a motion that was seconded, to discuss changes to Rates, Fees, and Charges, according to C.R.S. 32-1-1001(1)(j). Motion passed 3 - 0

The District wants to consider lower income households in the rate structure. Promoting conservation is another goal that can be met through tiered rate structure. Previous input considered: What is the income goal of the increase? What are new estimates for upcoming capital income projects? Would like to see mainline improvements instead of leak costs. Recognition that costs are going up. Doesn't like higher tiers – look at re-working the tiers so that the increase is doubled vs. 4 times higher.

Rate Structure options presented:

1. Increase Base Rate from \$40 to \$50, Lowest tier increase from \$8.00 to \$12.00 per 1000 gal, keep same tier gallons
2. Increase Base Rate from \$40 to \$50, lowest tier increase from \$8.00 to \$12.00 and increase same tier from 2,000 to 3,000 gal
3. 15% to Base Rate and water use tiers
4. Increase Base Rate from \$40.00 to \$50.00, all water use \$15.00 per 1000 gal

Public comments included:

Don't support high usage, happy to see lowest tier increase, likes option 2, suggests increases each year to cover cost of living increases + 10%.

Board Comments: annual increases are necessary to avoid large increases every few years.

Public Hearing end 9:21 pm. Motion made and seconded to end the public hearing, approved 3 - 0

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Board Meeting Location: due to increased costs for holding meetings at the IHCC, the District reviewed location options. The meeting space at the church worked well at this meeting and it is available for future meeting use. A motion was made to change the location of future meetings beginning 11/16/2023 to the Grace Hills Community Church at 23338 Isoleta Rd Indian Hills, CO 80454. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 3 – 0.

22197 Board Head Rd – A request for a tap payment extension was received from the property owner. The cost to bring the water line to the build site is higher than expected and they are looking into drilling a well on the 12.9 acre site. The Board discussed the request and decided to have the property owners re-apply for the tap if the well does not work out.

Executive Session – held to discuss employment matters

Motion made to begin executive session at 9:29 pm

Motion made to end executive session at 9:58 pm

Other Business – None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 10:00 pm with a motion made and seconded, passing by a vote of 3 – 0.

  
Board President 11/16/23  
Date

  
Board Secretary 11/16/23  
Date

