

Apple Springs Water and Sanitation District

Meeting Minutes on April 12, 2024

Started at 9:00 to 11:00AM April 12TH 2024 – Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Dan Carlson, John Miller, Mike Short, Chris Vinich

General Business Discussion

1. On Friday April 12th the District team had an online discussion with Mike Short.

Discussion: Understanding the purchase of H2O Clear Solutions

- Clear understanding of operating costs and the budgeting before submitting to the government by August 2024.
- Working on a solution of who will manage and operate the sanitation systems during the 3-year construction period if awarded the EPA grant. [Mike Short offered to manage and operate the current system until the new facility is online.](#)
- Agreeing to price and proper payment plan for the purchase of H2O Clear with reasonable interest rate. [Still in discussion and to finalize terms written in the LOU.](#)
- The purchase of sanitation system will include the preexisting underground lateral system of sewer main. With this, the district will collect tap fees from future new construction builds of approximately \$5200.00 per home build.
- Mike plans to drill a 2nd water well with to proceeds from the sale of the sanitation system.
- During our conversation, Mike gave us a brief history of how he was forced to install the first wastewater facility and all the requirements involved due to the influx of development and growth in Apple Springs from 2013. Since then, in 2019 the 2nd (Maranda) wastewater facility had been installed.
- The cost of the Maranda system came to around \$560,000.00 of the asking price of \$2,600,000 for the entire infrastructure combined. In our conversation we talked about how Mike came up with the value of his sanitation system.
- Talked about the possibility of selling the Maranda equipment and what its value will be when the Grant project is complete.

2. Moving on in discussing the 20-million-dollar EPA grant funding.

Action plan to facilitate spending grant dollars.

- We all agreed to relocate the new wastewater treatment plant at the existing (BCCC) clubhouse location with the understanding and agreement that Mike Short and Marlon McMakin can certify the property.
- Once we acknowledge the cost of building the new treatment facility and purchase the sanitation infrastructure from H2O Clear along with extending a pipeline from old to new, we will start designing a feasibility study to determine how much sewer main laterals can be extended and how many services that will be tied in.
- We voiced our concerns in making commitments to the Boulder Canyon residences without knowing how much of the engineered design the grant money will accommodate.

3. Other Business discussion

- Mike shared with the team how to access the treatment facility and the well house.
- Dan confirmed that the well house pump has been ordered and that it should be installed in early May.
- Separate Apple Springs emails to be assigned to board members.
- John and Chris plan to meet at First National Bank Monday morning to get names on the account.
- Dan gave an update on attorney status in finding a more affordable firm that's local and has worked on similar projects in the area.
- The board plans to meet Monday morning to walk through the treatment plant and well house.

Minutes prepared by Chris Vinich