

Pinewood Sanitary District

BOARD MEETING AUGUST 8, 2024 3:00PM 18044 FAIRWAY, MUNDS PARK AZ 86017

A. Administration: (Board members only)

1. Open

Kass Kral, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:58 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Kass Kral called roll.

Present: Len Friedlund, Barb Sherman, Joe Hedgecock, Kass Kral, Bill Spain, Mark Giebelhaus, and Dick Drinen

4. Administrative Information

David Richardson (DR) reported that two new employees, 1 office and 1 collections, were starting full time.

Kass Kral reported that after speaking with the Fire Department, PSD is unable to assist with the new Fire Station building project, due to the Consent Order. Chief Tope requested the PSD remain available to support their efforts by sending a representative to the Pinewood Fire Department's meetings.

DR updated the Board on the progress of HR 7525, the bill seeking to define "Special Districts" as "special purpose units of government".

5. Approval of the Board Minutes for July 25, 2024

Dick Drinen objected to the formatting of the minutes. Staff was directed to re-format the minutes layout.

Dick Drinen motioned to approve the July 25, 2024 minutes with layout corrections. Barb Sherman seconded. Len Friedlund, Barb Sherman, Joe Hedgecock, Bill Spain, Mark Giebelhaus, and Dick Drinen voted in favor. There were zero Nay votes.

6. Correspondence

DR read a letter from the public regarding their displeasure with the price increase. Kass Kral wants to increase communication with the community.

A member of the public agreed with increasing communication and suggested running articles in the Pinewood News.

Kass Kral agreed and will work with DR to write more articles for publishing.

7. July 2024 Budget Review

Staff reported that the recorded budget had not been received as of August 8, 2024.

DR reported that chemicals were under budget. Plant side repairs was under budget.

Kass Kral asked if the AG's office had been issued payment. Legal counsel advised that since the paperwork is not finalized yet, there is no payment due yet.

Kass Kral confirmed that the WIFA payment for the old loan was sent out.

8. Operations Report: Plant Operations- David Richardson / Collections- Josh Palmer

-Roll Off, Peristaltic pumps,

DR reported the camera was returned and maintenance work had been completed. 2000' feet of main lines had been scoped. Approximately 1,000 feet of laterals had been scoped per real estate transactions.

The lift stations reported lower totals for July 2024. North Lodge 61,680 gallons, Odell 2.6 million gallons, West Side 36,100 gallons

Free board is up.

DR notified the Board that the plant is "running tight". He recommended placing a larger tank based upon professional engineer recommendations. This will increase the amount of flows the plant can handle. DR stressed that Ardurra is making recommendations regarding added storage that will benefit PSD. Kass Kral and DR plan to meet with Ardurra's Michael Janes. Having additional storage may also reduce the amount of bypass. Ardurra Engineering has requested a 7 day study, similar to a stress test, from PSD's outside lab.

Air BnB's have been and continue to flush non-flushable items.

Kass Kral mentioned that PSD and Ardurra need to be aware of FEMA's flood plain recommendations.

DR proposed exploring hauling our own sludge to the landfill. He proposed preliminary cost savings and reducing wait times for delivery of an empty roll off.

A member of the public asked if PSD could dump the inert sludge on empty land. DR fielded the question and explained that that was not a possibility, due to state regulations.

Kass Kral requested a cost assessment be sent to the Board. He stated that this would not be likely to occur this year but planning could occur this year.

DR also proposed having a drying bed installed at the plant for ease of hauling our own sludge to the landfill using PSD's dump truck. DR explained this would reduce wait times for roll offs and PSD would have flexibility to run our belt press during more crucial times.

Paul Cornejo, PSD's operator of record, negotiated the removal of a Notice of Violation with ADEQ.

B. Unfinished Business:

9. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed settlement/ consent judgement with AG/ADEQ. The Board may enter into executive session under ARS 38-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice. The Board may enter into executive session under ARS 38-431.03(A)(4) for negotiations.

Legal counsel advised that an executive session was not necessary. PSD is waiting for finalized documents from the AG's office. Payment to the AG's office is not needed at this time, due to the documents not being finalized.

10. Briefing regarding Rules and Regulations resolution update

The Board agreed in a general consensus to the proposed version of Rules and Regulations in the July 25, 2024 meeting. The public hearing is scheduled for September 12, 2024. The Board may or may not approve the Resolution based on the results of the public hearing.

11. Update regarding Pinewood Fire Station

Kass Kral reiterated that the Fire Department understands PSD's position and the two entities will work together as much as is feasible given the restrictions placed on PSD by the consent order.

12. Discussion regarding status of Royce/Inspire de-annexation process as part of settlement agreement in pending litigation.

Dick Drinen moved to enter into executive session under ARS 38-431.03 (A)(3) for legal advice. Bill Spain seconded. Dick Drinen, Mark Giebelhaus, Barb Sherman, Len Friedlund, Bill Spain, and Joe Hedgecock voted in favor. There were zero votes against.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 3:25pm.

The Board entered into General Session at 3:42pm.

The Board confirmed the public hearing set for September 12, 2024. PSD is awaiting additional paperwork.

C. New Business

13. Discussion about information regarding Raske property. The Board may enter into executive session under ARS 38-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice.

Dick Drinen moved to enter into executive session under ARS 38-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice. Joe Hedgecock seconded. Dick Drinen, Mark Giebelhaus, Barb Sherman, Len Friedlund, Bill Spain, and Joe Hedgecock voted in favor. There were zero votes against.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 3:43pm.

The Board entered into General Session at 3:59pm.

The public spoke at length regarding building on her property. DR explained that PSD can not let her connect to the sewer system due to the flooded lift station and the AG's consent order. The lift station is currently located on a floodplain according to FEMA. PSD will continue to investigate.

14. Discussion regarding increasing line budget for Specialized Plant-side Electrical Repairs

DR clarified that he was not asking for more funding. DR is looking to release the funds for improvements to the plant. DR stated that new plant side equipment was needed to repair and replace older models. The Board reiterated that DR can allocate budgeted funds to the areas that they are designated to.

Call to the public for non-agenda items. No action will be taken on any subject not on the agenda. (Limits to 5 minutes will be enforced)

Kass Kral initiated a call to the public for non-agenda items. A member of the public spoke regarding additional signage for more community involvement, and where the agendas are posted for meetings.

An additional member of the press had questions regarding the fire house and PSD's stance. She also had questions regarding the ADEQ and the fees we pay. She had questions regarding the short term rentals in the park. The Board reiterated that flushable wipes are not flushable and clog the system. She continued and requested that we publish water saving tips. She questioned where PSD and the RV Park stand and the Board stated that the situation was in the process of being resolved.

D. Adjourn

Kass Kral adjourned the meeting at 4:51 pm.