

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWER FOUNTAIN  
METROPOLITAN SEWAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**November 8, 2023**

**Opening:**

Dr. Durbin called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lower Fountain Metropolitan Sewage Disposal District (LFMSDD) to order at 6:00 p.m. on November 8, 2023.

**Directors Present:**

Dr. Durbin  
Mrs. Bandfield  
Mr. Christian  
Mr. Blankenship

**Also in Attendance:**

District Manager Jim Heckman  
Asst. District Manager Jonathan Moore  
District Administrator Cindy Murray  
Consulting Engineer Roger Sams

**Guests in Attendance:** Larry Holtz, FSD representative

**A. Approval of Minutes:**

1. Mr. Christian made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 12, 2023. Second by Mr. Blankenship. Motion carried.

**B. Approval of Bills**

1. Mr. Blankenship made a motion to approve the October bills for payment. Seconded by Mr. Chistian. Motion carried.

\*Note\* The Board reviewed the financial statements for October 2023 with no comments or questions.

**C. Special Business-**

1. Assistant District Manager Jonathan Moore asked the Board to consider final payment to RMS Utilities, Inc. for the access roadway repair/reconstruction project going into the HDT Facility in the amount of \$8,454.40 which includes held retainage. The approved contract amount was \$68,928 and the final cost of the project was \$65,728. He is recommending approval of the final payment. Mrs. Bandfield made a motion to approve the final payment to RMS Utilities, Inc. for the access roadway repair/reconstruction project going into the HDT Facility in the amount of \$8,454.40. Second by Mr. Blankenship. Motion carried.

**D. General Business**

1. Legal Report – The written report of the District’s environmental legal counsel, Ms. Connie King, was previously distributed to the Board of Directors. The Board had no questions or comments.
2. Consulting Engineer Roger Sams reported that the Water Quality Control Division is proceeding with some of the rulemaking issues they want to present to the Water Quality Control Commission, one of which will be their fee setting/increases. They have a

rulemaking scheduled for May 2024 that will result in minimal increases to the District's annual renewals. He will keep the Board updated.

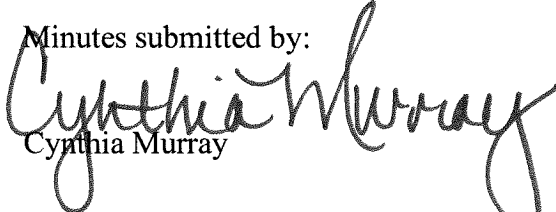
- He reported that the Water Quality Control Commission will have an Issues Formulation hearing on Monday, November 13, 2023, in preparation for the Arkansas River Basin Water Quality Standards and Stream Classifications rulemaking hearing in June 2024.
- 3. District Manager James Heckman reported that they continue refining year end numbers on the draft 2024 Proposed Budget. He will hold the Public Hearing with the regular December 14, 2023, meeting. He also reported that he has talked with Mr. Testa with CCMD and he is fine with the operational rate increase in the Proposed 2024 Budget.
- He reported that they are still under the Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE) for the second quarter Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) testing. Third quarter WET results for the ceriodaphnia also failed and staff scheduled a TIE to run under different conditions. They continue to pass all tests related to how the fish survive in the treated water. He will keep the Board updated.
- He reported on the BNR curtain replacement. The contractor has received the parts package from the manufacturer, but it was not complete. They will not be onsite to make the repairs until after the Thanksgiving holiday. He will keep the Board updated.

**E. Other Business – None**

**Adjournment:**

1. Mrs. Bandfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:13p.m. Second by Mr. Blankenship. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on December 14, 2023.

Minutes submitted by:

  
Cynthia Murray