

High Valley Water Company  
Meeting Minutes for June 25th, 2024

Board Members Present: Scott Houston, Geneo Young, ~~Dave Maurer~~, Bob Martin, Meghan Newsome

Staff Members Present: Andy Oyler, Justin Rametta

Sunrise Engineering: Derek Johnson (via phone) and Earth Services: Marc Cornelius, Shane Bunker, Dallin Jones

Meeting Opened at 7:00 PM by Justin Rametta

Minutes from May 28th, 2024 meeting read and approved

Financial statements from May 2024 reviewed and approved.

Derek Johnson from Sunrise opened the meeting by giving us an update on the infrastructure project. He started by praising Earth Services for the work they've been performing over the past month. He feels like they've been doing a great job communicating and negotiating with Summit County on a solution for Highland Dr. as well as the pavement thickness requirements.

Justin explained that in the past couple of weeks Earth Services was able to get CMT to provide a summary of what compaction testing took place and where along Highland last year. That evidence proved to the county that all but a 500 foot section of the trench backfill was properly compacted and tested. The hope is now that Summit County will allow Earth Services to focus on proving that 500 foot section was also installed properly instead of having to do the entire trench. Once that 500 foot section was tested and Summit County signed off, then Earth Services would still be responsible to mill and overlay the road to get the waviness out of the surface.

GeneO brought up the fact that Summit County has mentioned that they have plans to re-finish all of the asphalt on Highland Drive in the near future. Summit County has offered to accept a payment from Earth Services for whatever the expense to mill and overlay their trench would be, and do the work themselves instead of having Earth Services do it, then Summit County do it again.

Earth Services had Summit County Health Department out yesterday to collect bacteria samples from the Countryside loop. Unfortunately some of those tests failed so they are going to keep cleaning and re-testing.

Derek brought up the second change order for the project that is currently being composed. The biggest extra on this change order is related to the pavement thickness. The project was originally bid to have a 4" pavement thickness. Unfortunately the pavement has been thicker throughout the project. Another item that is adding cost is the need to use an imported back fill material because the county was not allowing Earth Services to re-use the excavated material.

Hard rock excavation was brought up again. Earth Services has requested that to be included in the change order. Sunrise has found where the contract states we will not pay for hard rock excavation. Last year some verbal agreements were made to cover hard rock excavation but that was before anyone found out that contractually we didn't have to. If we try to go to the State and ask for additional funding to pay for the change order they would not want to pay extra for something they weren't supposed to.

We discussed reaching out to the State to ask if they'd be willing to loan us more money to complete the project including the change order. As it stands now we'd need approximately another \$400k to

cover the Change Orders with Earth Services and Sunrise. If we don't get more funding then the backup option is to remove at least the top section of Silver Sage from the project scope to stay on budget.

GeneO asked Derek why we are having to pay for the fire hydrant relocation change order on Countryside. He explained that it was installed per approved plans by Summit County and they asked for it to be relocated after it was installed. Marc explained how and where the hydrant was supposed to be relocated to and GeneO suggested we review that with the property owner prior to doing the work. Derek agreed to have that located soon.

Earth Services has noticed a couple of the meter setters on Countryside Circle are in poor shape and offered to replace those for us while they were connecting the new service laterals. Andy thinks he has about 6 in stock and offered to provide the materials for them to be replaced. Marc offered to check his yard to see if they have any setters they could donate to the project since supply on brass parts has been so bad lately. We discussed providing any/all materials necessary to upgrade any damaged meter vaults or related parts while service laterals are being connected on Countryside and rest of the project in general.

Marc asked the board if they were willing to start releasing funds on completed work as things continue to progress. The first draw request would be to pay for the installed water line on Countryside circle as soon as the County Health Department has all passing bacteria tests.

Marc also asked that if we were able to keep Silver Sage in the scope, if we would be ok replacing that line next year on a separate contract with a new bond. They would agree to perform the work for the same contracted rates but ask that we would pickup any net cost difference on materials price increases between now and then.

The board was ok with both of Marc's requests. Earth Services has also asked Summit County if they were willing to give permission to the State to release funds and they said they would...

Scott asked about the PRV's. Marc said they're ordered and expected to arrive and get installed Mid July.

Shane asked that if they get passing bacteria tests between isolation valves on Countryside would they be able to activate those lines in sections? The board debated this for a few minutes but landed on NO. They would rather have the entire loop passed off at once before any of it goes into service.

Earth Services and Sunrise left the meeting.

Utah Broadband still needs to bury the new fiber line to the pumphouse. Justin's office got done.

Xpress Bill Pay went live last month and Freedom Mailing Services printed and mailed new statements.

Justin explained to the board that he had multiple conversations with Hydrospecialites last month about the need for polymer lids with our new cellular end points. He explained the fact that our board wanted to install the new end points on the cast iron lids we currently have. Hydrospecialties warned us about many of their customers like Mountain Regional and Summit Water that have made that same mistake in the past and warned us not to do the same. They explained that although the end point may "work" under a cast lid, it will require significantly more energy for that device to get the signal through the lid which will inevitably lead to premature failure of the device. If the manufacturer spec of only using the end point with a polymer lid wasn't adhered to, then the warranty is void and you'll have to replace the end point at our expense. Based on Andy's survey of what size/quantity lids we will need, Justin

estimates the cost to replace all existing meter lids with polymer versions to add about \$19,000. The board discussed this for a minute and decided it was worth spending the money now to protect our investment in the end points and prevent any warranty problems.

Andy has installed the “starter pack” of 10 new cellular transponders using polymer lids. The Beacon software to monitor these is not setup yet but will hopefully be in the coming weeks. The order for the rest of the end points is also in progress but a delivery date has not yet been provided.

Justin got the post office to add his and Scott’s name as authorized individuals for our box access so that we could obtain a new key if lost etc.

GeneO asked about the lawsuit with Guillermo Tiscareno. Justin explained that the attorney’s are still in the process of negotiating a settlement.

Andy said he hasn’t installed the boulders at the tank access yet but intends to do so later this week.

Meghan asked if anyone has reached out about the service line inventory. We weren’t sure if those letters Sunrise drafter actually went out or not.

The board then suggested we have a meeting with Sunrise to discuss their mismanagement before Derek and lack of proper information in the bid documents. We also need more clarification on how the asphalt thickness was so misunderstood from the start of the project. Bore samples were taken for hard rock but not asphalt thickness?

Next monthly board meeting is on July 23rd, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 8:45