

- Enterprise fund revenue – \$306,000 (17 percent of YTD budget).
- Enterprise fund expenditures – \$559,000 (28 percent of YTD budget).

Vice President Harder noted that 2013 water/system repair and maintenance expenditures in the enterprise

fund were already 208 percent higher than the amount budgeted—\$79,043 versus \$38,000. Remington and Operations Supervisor Harris attributed this to the repair and maintenance costs arising from the water leak on Talus Road and repairs on Well A-1 at the end of 2012. Fisher questioned why these costs were not assigned to the 2012 budget instead of 2013 and asked Remington to ask the district’s accounting firm, Community Resources Services how to handle this situation with a budget restatement. The restatement would amend the appropriations for unbudgeted increased expenses and corresponding redistribution of revenues.

Harder also noted that the Donala repayment principle line item in the enterprise fund was \$9,000, or 300 percent of what was budgeted for all of 2013; Remington said she would check this with Donala.

Triview’s sewer tap fees are used to repay the amount owed to Donala for the expansion of the Upper Monument Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility from a capacity of 0.875 million gallons per day (MGD) to 1.75 MGD.

Donala and Triview each originally obtained loans of \$5 million from CWRPDA for this expansion. The Triview board imposed a 25 mill property tax to repay its loan. Cost overruns led to Donala and Triview each getting additional CWRPDA loans of \$2 million. The Triview board raised the district’s mill levy from 25 mills to 35 mills on Dec. 11, 2007.

Further cost overruns for completing the expansion of the facility added an additional cost of \$2.15 million. Triview could not get a third loan from CWRPDA to cover its share, \$1.08 million because CWRPDA considered Triview’s overall debt to be too great a risk.

Donala agreed to pay the rest of Triview’s share of the cost of expanding the plant from Donala’s cash reserves. In return, Triview agreed to pay Donala \$1,500 of every new Triview sewer tap fee until the debt is paid. Donala will continue to hold 6.7 percent of Triview’s share of ownership in escrow until Triview’s debt is paid off. The percentages of facility capacity that the districts now own following the expansion are:

- Triview—44.0 percent or 0.77 MGD
- Donala—38.9 percent or 0.68 MGD
- Forest Lakes Metropolitan District—17.1 percent or 0.30 MGD

Triview’s 2013 budget line item for the amount of new sewer tap fees is simply far less than the actual amount of new tap fees the district will actually receive, due in part to the success of Classic Homes’ Promontory Pointe development. Triview is contractually obligated to forward every tap fee to Donala whether or not the amount transferred exceeds the estimate in a Triview budget. Amending the 2013 Triview budget to reflect the actual amount transferred is a simple administrative procedure.

For more information on Triview’s tap fee transfer payments to Donala, see:

- www.ocn.me/v8n1.htm#tmd
- www.ocn.me/v9n1.htm#tmd

Capital projects fund expenditures were only 1 percent of what was budgeted through February, but this is expected to increase when the district begins buying replacement water meters and the new Promontory Pointe booster pump, Remington reported.

Resolutions

The board unanimously approved a resolution to approve use of a district credit card for the district manager and selected staff operators. No personal expenses may be placed on the credit card, and receipts must be submitted for all charges over \$25. The board also unanimously approved the district policy as amended by Fisher during the discussion.

Consideration of the draft joint “Water Conservation Plan for the Town of Monument, Town of Palmer Lake, and Triview Metropolitan District” was deferred because consultant Linda Firth of Water Matters was unable to

attend the meeting due to weather conditions. The conservation plan is required by the Colorado Legislature in House Bill 04-1635.

Operations report

Harris stated he was seeking board guidance on how to proceed on the cost of a permanent asphalt repair on Talus Road to replace the temporary repair installed after the water main break between Coquina Drive and Lacuna Drive this winter. Fisher noted that the district has budgeted about \$300,000 for street repairs in 2013 but has “about \$1 million of maintenance backlogged.” He added that the district should not spend all \$300,000 on that one spot in May.

Harris noted some other problem areas that will require repair in the Gold Creek Drive neighborhood.

Temporary water operations supervisor

Harris had turned in his resignation effective April 19 before this meeting, leaving the district in need of an operator in responsible charge (ORC). The board reviewed applications from three applicants to fill this state-required licensed position until a new operations supervisor is hired. It unanimously passed a motion that Remington could sign a six-month contract with Tom Schubert of ORC Water Professionals LLC “pending favorable legal review,” at a rate of \$1,830 per month plus costs to perform the duties of ORC, reporting, and general management. The minimum state license requirements are a class B operator and a class 1 for distribution.

Manager’s report

Kiewit Construction, the state’s contractor for widening I-25 from Woodmen Road to Highway 105, submitted a cost estimate of \$201,750 for boring under I-25 near the Baptist Road interchange and installing a 30-inch, 175-foot steel casing and 16-inch carrier pipe. These would be used for providing Triview potable water service to the Valero truck stop on the northeast corner of the interchange. Remington noted that the board has decided to postpone this project for now.

The board came to a consensus to contribute \$2,500 to the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority to sponsor a regional water infrastructure and storage study. Cummins said the scope of work would be based on transporting water from JV Ranch up to the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District and from Sunset Ranch down to the Cherokee Metropolitan District. He said, “A small investment to be part of that conversation is probably worthwhile.” Cox asked that the results of the study be communicated back to Triview.

The board decided to defer approval of a proposed \$15,000 contract extension with environmental consultant Grant Gurnée of Ecosystem Services LLC until there is a consensus from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on complex 404 permit requirements for Preble’s mouse ecosystem habitat and floodplain permits. (See article March 12 Triview meeting, page 9, for some details of his study).

The board deferred a decision on a cost-sharing solution proposed by the Town of Monument with Triview and El Paso County to repair the bump in the center of the intersection of Jackson Creek Parkway and Higby Road, a multijurisdictional intersection, for an estimated cost of \$20,680.

The meeting went into executive session at 7:01 p.m. to confer with the district’s attorney regarding advice on specific legal issues.

The next meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on May 14 at 16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 300. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Information: 488-6868.

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Tri-Lakes Facility Joint Use Committee, April 16

Action on grant application recommended

By Jim Kendrick

On April 16, Monument Sanitation District Manager Mike Wicklund advised the members of the Joint Use Committee for the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility to prepare their individual district boards for a rapid turnaround period in order to be able to apply for a part of \$15 million from the state nutrient management grant program initiated by Gov. John Hickenlooper. These

grants will help the state’s 46 largest domestic wastewater facilities comply with the tighter nutrient permit limits for phosphorus and nitrogen in Control Regulation 85. For more specific details on this grant award program, see the Monument Sanitation District article on page 19.

The Tri-Lakes facility operates as a separate public utility and is jointly owned, in equal one-third shares, by Monument Sanitation District, Palmer Lake Sanitation

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