

Present: Dan Catlin, Kelly Wilson, Scot Pectol, Merlin Spendlove,

Staff: Mike Chandler, Matt Goodrich, Darrel Humphries, Melissa Stewart, Heath Reusch

Audience: Craig Ashcroft & London Saxton (Carollo)

Prayer: Merlin Spendlove

Pledge: Dan Catlin

A Resolution was adopted by the county commission appointing Merlin Spendlove as a member of the board.

Public Comments: None

The board had no conflicts of interest to declare.

Motion by Kelly Wilson to approve the minutes from June 25th, 2026. Second by Scott Pectol. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Darrel Humphries presents Ash Creek's mid-year operating budget report. The operational budget is close to the prepared. Revenue and expenditure went up a little due to the new treatment facility; however, we planned for the increase. Impact fees have been consistent. Fewer businesses have been coming in which have made commercial impact fees drop. Interest earned has decreased due to the arbitrage payment to the IRS back in February. Interest income is tracking that we will be in the positive by the end of the year.

Darrel gave a report on a tool used by the collection crew. The SL Rat is an assessment tool used to inspect the cleanness of sewer lines. Before the district started using the SL Rat it took 3 years to clean the entire system. With this tool staff can analyze and assess the entire system within 6 months. This will extend the life of our other equipment. The insurance requires us to record specific data and considers the SL Rat as an acceptable way of tracking the cleanness of the wastewater lines.

Michael Chandler presented the board with a MOU between Ash Creek and Hurricane Valley Fire District. This is a memorandum of understanding that was submitted to us and we are supportive of. This agreement lays out the provisions of Ash Creek in providing support to the Hurricane Valley Fire District such as special equipment that Ash Creek owns if there was an emergency. The district under no obligation to respond, and the Fire

department would have to comply with district rules and regulations. The Staff is working to adjust the MOU agreement to clarify the risk and liabilities language.

Fay discussed indemnification and negligence with the board.

Dan Catlin reiterated the need to stay within the district's policies and procedures.

Mike agreed and discussed training for situational awareness and proper PPE. The staff are looking into a possible compensation schedule. Mike requested revisiting it next month for approval as we work through the final issues.

Motion to revisit the MOU with Hurricane Valley Fire Department by Kelly Wilson. Second by Merlin Spendlove. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mike presented the MOU with Washington County Water Conservancy District (WCWCD). This essentially memorializes, in writing, how Ash Creek will run and maintain the reuse pump station at Confluence Park Water Reclamation Facility. The MOU goes over how WCWCD will reimburse Ash Creek for labor and expenses and how Ash Creek will go about any major expenses outside our usual maintenance.

Motion to approve the MOU with Washington County Water Conservancy District by Kelly Wilson. Second by Scot Pectol. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

With the number of wildfires, flooding and mudslides that we have had recently Mike wanted to discuss with the board about providing support to local communities served by the district in emergencies. In the past the district has responded to St. George and Hildale in the aftermath of flooding to clean sewer lines and provide support. Mike asked for any input from the board.

The board indicated it approved the idea of giving assistance and having waivers to help in emergency situations.

Mike discussed the recent annexation of Grapevine Special Service District in Leeds. The new subdivision that was annexed by Grapevine and will be running through Ash Creek's system. When Ash Creek approved the agreement with Grapevine it was to provide sewer for a specific area. Grapevine is not allowed to approve other areas to be annexed in under the agreement. Inspections will need to be carried out, and impact fees will need to be paid

before permits are issued if approved. Mike discussed how and where the sewer would be installed if approved.

Mike met with the mayor of Virgin to finish up the pump station and pipeline design. Mike is anticipating another month before the plans are submitted to the state. The state has 60 days to review the design. Mike estimated bids and construction to start by the first of the year. He is hoping the lines will be operational by early 2028.

WCWCD is working on contracts for the regional pipeline. Mike has asked them to accelerate segment 5 which comes through Ash Creek's lagoons. This area is filling out quicker than anticipated. Ash Creek is talking to the property owners about getting an easement for a new pump station for that area. This pump station replaces two pump stations and becomes a regional station. Ash Creek would run wastewater lines parallel to the WCWCD's regional pipeline. Mike is anticipating negotiating a contract by the end of this year. Also, there are roughly 300 to 400 additional homes coming into the area and the current pump station and pipeline are inadequate.

Confluence Park Water Reclamation Facility's main contract will be closed out soon along with contracts the district has with a security company. The District will continue to give tours. There will be another tour in September for the Toquerville City Council.

The district is working with Horrocks to design the replacement of the trestle and pipe over the creek near the LaVerkin/Toquerville bridge. The trestle is too low to meet flood requirements.

Motion to adjourn at 7:05pm