

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 24, 2013  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Directors Present: Paul Willumstad, Matt Cordova, Donna Phillips

Also Present: Administrator Rick Kidd, Counselor Don Banner

Guests: Carla Sikes, Pueblo Assistant City Attorney  
Sean McCarthy, Pueblo West Representative  
Jacque Wachob, Colorado City Representative  
Kim Kock, NorthStar Engineering

With a quorum present, the Pueblo Conservancy District regular board meeting was called to order at 11:03 am.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the March 27, 2013 regular meeting were reviewed. Cordova moved to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The March 2013 accountant's reports were presented for review. Phillips moved receive and file the accountant's reports. Motion passed.

**Bills –** The following bills were posted for review and approval:

\$ 350.00	MBD&G, Monthly Accountant fees
\$ 350.00	MBD&G, Replacement for Check #3988
\$ 500.00	Banner and Bower, Attorney fees
\$ 600.00	Kidd Engineering, Administrator/Engineer fees
\$ 184.70	Cordova, Director's Fee
\$ 184.70	Phillips, Director's Fee
\$ 184.70	Willumstad, Director's Fee
\$ 1,935.00	NorthStar Engineering, Phase III Appraisal support services
\$ 2,365.00	Spaccamonti Excavating, Cleaning Lake Runyon Trash Racks
\$10,000.00	HARP Authority, Annual O&M Allocation
\$ 496.76	United States Treasury, Replace Check #3999

Kidd explained that the Spaccamonti charge for cleaning the trash racks at Runyon were higher than normal because of the trash that had come down from the homeless camp and some weeds that had blown in to Thomas Phelps Creek. Phillips moved to receive and file the accountant's report and pay the bills. Motion passed.

**Homeless Camp:** Willumstad said that he had talked to City Attorney Bob Jagger about removal of the homeless camp and his concern about either the City or the District suffering a backlash similar to what happened in Colorado Springs. Kidd said that he had talked to Detective Taylor, Sargent Gonzales and Robert Vigil. They were taking action to have the camp removed.

**Investments:** Kidd stated that there was about \$400,000 in the checking account that should probably be transferred into an interest bearing investment. Kidd is to invite Calvin Mason to come to the May meeting.

**President's Report –**

Willumstad reported that he had been contacted by Jean Latka with concerns about spraying vegetation in the stone block and mortar faced portion of the bluff. Kidd said that she had

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contracted him also. Latka would like to see the trees and other vegetation continue to grow and become living stabilization. Kidd told her that there is not an immediate plan to remove this vegetation but that it had been planned for in the future. Kidd said that part of the FEMA certification process will be for engineers to evaluate if vegetation may be adequate for stabilization of this area or if the structural enforcement and protection will be required.

#### Administrator's Report-

Kidd said that he had been contacted by Thuy Patton of the Colorado Water Conservation Board. They have set up a conference call with FEMA, Anderson Consulting, Michael Baker and Associates, the District, and City and the County concerning the completion of the FEMA mapping for the Pueblo area.

Kidd is making a presentation about the District and the maintenance fund assessment program to the Pueblo Downtown Association on April 25. NorthStar is helping with some of the graphics and information for the PowerPoint slides.

#### Old Business:

Excess Properties – Neither Kidd nor Banner have received proposals for the title work.

Outfitter – Sikes stated that she contacted City staff and they have issued a type of use permit before. She said that the Pueblo Parks Office may be contacted about a permit to use the River channel through Town for fish guiding activity. Steven Mier is the person to contact.

#### New Business:

Rock Sales – Kidd said that when Jean Latka contacted him she also wondered if the District would be willing to sell some of the rock that is stockpiled at the Pearl Street parking lot. This rock was used to build access for the repair work done in 2011. At that time, the Board decided to retain ownership of the rock so that it was available for future access or repair work. After discussion, Kidd was told to contact Latka and let her know that we appreciate the offer but the Board currently desires to retain the rock that is stockpiled.

Advisory Board – Carla Sikes has been appointed as the City's representative.

Tier 3 Overcharges – Kidd said that he has received a listing from NorthStar with about 250 parcels that were charged at Tier 3 rate rather than the appropriate tier. The overcharge amounts range from \$0.09 to \$5,512.98. After discussion Phillips moved that refunds be paid out only at \$5.00 and above. Motion passed.

Banner is working with NorthStar's IT tech to develop a seamless update of parcels and assessments as the County parcel numbers and Assessor's property values change.

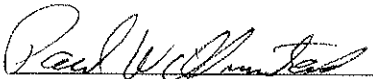
Board Make-up -- Sean McCarthy said that Pueblo West and Colorado City would like for their appointees to be direct Board members rather than simply being on an advisory board. They would like for the statute to be amended to allow for more directors. He is suggesting an increase from three to a total of seven directors. Banner has provided him with some information about the statute and the requirements to amend it. Phillips responded that she is not in favor of a change at this time. The District's work must be targeted at meeting the FEMA requirements for the levees right now. Cordova stated that since he is relatively new to the Board he needs more information and will follow the lead of the other directors. Willumstad said that he may maintain a position of neutrality if McCarthy's group wants to introduce


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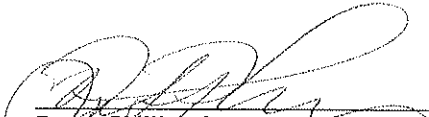
legislation. McCarthy says that the Board has dramatically changed by adding areas that are being assessed and these areas have no representation on the Board. Phillips recommended that this issue be brought back in 24 months from now. Willumstad pointed out that the terms of the directors are limited with staggered appointment dates. There can be new members appointed at the end of their terms. Sikes interjected wondering if there are pros and cons that should be considered about increasing the size of the Board. She does not know that directors should be from designated districts.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the business meeting was adjourned at 11:59 am. The recognition social for Pat Kelly, Kathy Farley, and Gus Sandstrom will be on July 9<sup>th</sup>. The next regular meeting date will be May 22, 2013.

APPROVED:

  
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Paul Willumstad, President

  
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Matt Cordova, Treasurer

  
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Donna Phillips, Secretary