

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER AND
SEWER COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 21, 2019, AT 8:30 A.M., IN THE
PLANNING ROOM AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 101 N. HALAGUENO
STREET, CARLSBAD, NM**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:	Fred Beard Larry Henderson Dennis Miehl Gary Perkowski	Member Member Member Member
VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:	Craig Stephens	Chairman
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:	Michael A. Hernandez	Ex-Officio/City Administrator/Secretary
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT:	Eddie Rodriguez	Ex-Officio/Mayor Pro-Tem/ Member
OTHERS PRESENT:	Eileen Riordan Wendy Austin Ron Myers Wes Nichols Joe Harvey Richard Aguilar Olga Ramirez Scott Goodale	City Attorney Director of Finance & Investments Director of Utilities Utilities Deputy Director WWTP Superintendent Environmental Services Superintendent Assistant to City Administrator Mosaic

G. Perkowski called roll and it was determined that there was a quorum of voting members.

1. Approval of Agenda

The motion was made by L. Henderson and seconded by D. Miehl to approve the Agenda. The vote was as follows, Yes: G. Perkowski, D. Miehl, L. Henderson, F. Beard No: None Absent: C. Stephens. The Motion passed.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners Regular Meeting held October 17, 2019

The motion was made by L. Henderson and seconded by D. Miehl to Approve the Minutes of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners Regular Meeting held October 17, 2019. The vote was as follows, Yes: G. Perkowski, D. Miehl, L. Henderson, F. Beard No: None Absent: C. Stephens. The Motion passed.

3. Discussion on City's Groundwater Supply, George Veni

Mr. Veni was unable to attend.

4. Consider Approval to recommend to Council Approval of 40 year Water Plan

M. Hernandez stated Ms. O'Brien made some minor changes to the 40 year Water Plan. Anything that was discussed at the last meeting is reflected in the final plan. After board approval the 40 year Water plan would need to go before Council for approval. L. Henderson stated he reviewed the plan and doesn't have any more recommendations. M. Hernandez said maybe the only thing is trying to get the true numbers for the population of Carlsbad. Hopefully once the Census comes out if the numbers change significantly another update might be needed at that time. G. Perkowski asked if the city had the numbers that the oil fields were bringing in. M. Hernandez stated we don't have any definite numbers.

There was a brief discussion on the development projects in process. D. Miehl asked what the impact on city water would be. R. Myers stated not much of an impact it's manageable.

The motion was made by F. Beard and seconded by D. Miehl to approve the 40 year Water Plan and send it to City Council for approval. The vote was as follows, Yes: F. Beard, L. Henderson, D. Miehl, G. Perkowski No: None, Absent: C. Stephens The Motion passed.

5. Utilities Department October Monthly Reports and Project Updates presented by Ron Myers

R. Myers reported Well #4 is back on-line. The generator for Well #6 has been ordered hopefully it will be in place within the next few months. They are moving forward on Well #9 and bringing in a driller to re-drill.

R. Myers said the numbers are down, the WWTP revenues and septage is down a little from the previous months but it's still significant. J. Harvey stated after the first of the year the board may want to review the rates and see if an adjustment needs to be made. He said they are getting a lot of haulers they had to stop accepting applications. J. Harvey said the applications are up for renewal at the first of the year. Those that don't renew will leave a space for others. Some other dump sites have opened up and so some of the haulers are going elsewhere.

F. Beard asked if they have considered putting in some infrastructure so the plant can handle more and maybe profitability would go up. R. Myers said they have discussed that, they need more physical space, space is limited. They also need to look at solids handling capabilities at the plant, the increased in septage has increased that need. R. Myers said they are exploring options to address both those needs.

R. Myers gave a report on Double Eagle. He said it's moving along. They are still scheduled to finish earlier than expected. D. Miehl asked what the rates for the man camps was, if they were residential or commercial. M. Hernandez stated they should all be commercial. G. Perkowski asked about the status of the meter issue on Connie Road. R. Myers responded that issue hasn't been addressed completely.

S. Goodale said Bill Chavez from NMED attended the county commissioner meeting and one of the issues brought up was how the city was receiving the development of the septic systems. He said illegal dumping is pretty high. S. Goodale said Mr. Chavez stated the NMED was going to start pulling Carlsbad's groundwater discharge permits to see where they are at. S. Goodale

asked when and where the plan will be put in place. R. Myers said they are looking at the options.

S. Goodale said he been talking to NMED and said there are places who don't use the water but they take in the liquid waste and run it through the city sewer, with the rate structure how are those addressed. R. Myers responded we are not aware of anyone using city sewer without using city water. So if someone is discharging into the city sewer that is illegal. M. Hernandez stated they have already reported some.

6. Financial Reports for September presented by Wendy Austin

W. Austin reported on the Financials. Revenues are favorable to budget. Labor is favorable to budget. Operations is favorable to budget. Capital is unfavorable to budget, but that's a good sign it shows the funds are being spent. Overall the 1st quarter financials look good.

7. Adjourn

The motion was made by F. Beard and seconded by D. Miehl to adjourn. The vote was as follows, Yes: F. Beard, L. Henderson, D. Miehl, G. Perkowski No: None, Absent: C. Stephens
The Motion passed.



Chairman