

STAGECOACH GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

SGID Office, 5000 Navajo Trail, Stagecoach NV 89429

Providing sufficient quantity and protecting the quality of water for Stagecoach Valley residents

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday October 10, 2024, 3:30 P.M.

MINUTES:

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**-J. Moore led the pledge.
2. **Roll Call** - __ V. Aveiro __ G. Ray __ J. Moore __ M. Gartenberg __ J. Catanzarite
M. Gartenberg arrived at 4:18pm
3. **Public Participation**-None
4. **Approval of Agenda**-G. Ray made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. J. Catanzarite seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passed.
5. **Approve "Posting of Meeting" Document(s) – Regular Meeting Agenda –**
V. Aveiro made a motion to approve the Posting of the Meeting Document as presented. (See attachment A) G. Ray seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passed.
6. **Approve Block Items – 09.19.2024, Regular Meeting Minutes, Board Quarterly, and Treasurer's Report-**
T. Schmidt omitted Board Quarterly due to it not being complete. G. Ray made a motion to approve the 09.19.2024 Regular Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report. J. Catanzarite seconded the motion. V. Aveiro abstained since she was absent on 09.19.2024. Motion passed.
7. **Discussion and Decision regarding progress of locating Water Loss**-T. Schmidt presented the Water Loss Figures. We have had 2 leaks last month. Due to these factors, the water loss is reporting at 12.14%. With the repairs, we are expecting a decrease in the coming month.
8. **Discussion and Approval of FY 2023/2024 audit-presented by Katie of Sciarani & Co-** Katie went over the Audit for FY 2023/2024. Katie asked if they had questions and let them know that with a small staff it is hard to maintain separation of duties, the guidelines that SGID have in place are working well. J. Catanzarite asked if the Auditor could get the Board the financial report, to our office approximately 1 week before the meeting, next year. Then the Board Members could pick them up and have adequate time to review it, write down questions and be prepared for the meeting. Katie said that should not be a problem. G. Ray made a motion to approve the audit as presented. (See Attachment B) J. Catanzarite seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passed.
9. **Update regarding changing the telemetry/transducer set-up for Abilene Booster Station-** Sierra Controls has received almost all necessary parts, except a chip. They have no expected date of delivery due to the fact; this chip is hard to obtain. J. Seng will continue to contact them weekly for updates.

10. **Discussion and decision regarding finding a new district engineering firm-** T. Schmidt and S. Acree had a meeting with Shaw Engineering, who were present at the board meeting. Introductions were made to Cody Black, whom Jack Norberg had highly recommended, and his partner Owen Wurgler. They have a 3rd partner, who was not able to attend the meeting, whose name is Nick O'Conner. Shaw Engineering has 6 licensed full-time engineers and specializes in small rural communities while recognizing our specific needs. Their fee schedule is very similar to Nichols Consulting Engineers, our previous engineering firm, and some services are less. Shaw Engineering agreed to tentatively come back in December to update the Board on an Infrastructure Review that will include; storage calculations, meter/well data, hydraulic model, target points for future, and dead-end mains. G. Ray made a motion to retain Shaw Engineering, to do a Preliminary Analysis of our District, not to exceed \$7,500. V. Aveiro seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passed.

11. **Information from Utility Supervisor-Information only-** S. Acree presented the information in J. Seng's absence.
 - A. Had trouble with the Auto Read Machine-called Clint from Western, he came out 2 days to help us. It was a software issue; due to being an older system and updates not being able to download. T. Schmidt ordered the tablet that was recommended by Clint, and we are expecting to receive it along with an updated program within 2 weeks. G. Ray asked if this is a problem that could be handled proactively. S. Acree said, no. G. Ray asked for more information about how the reading system actually works. S. Acree explained and let them know that the reading system has several parts that have to communicate, the software was not connecting.
 - B. OSHA classes-J. Seng attended 3 OSHA classes working towards 30 hr. certification. T. Schmidt will be scheduling OSHA classes for S. Acree to start working towards 30 hr. certification.
 - C. Repair of leak on Iroquois Trl near Buffalo-J. Seng and S. Acree repaired the patch. Repaving has been approved and we are awaiting Armac's completion.

12. **Information from Manager-Information Only**
 - A. Admin update
 - NV SCATS and OSHA classes-J. Seng will take 1 class every month until he reaches his 30 hours. In-person classes would cost \$5,000 for each person. NV SCATS is free, therefore S. Acree will also be completing classes monthly, for however long it takes. This will save the district \$10,000.
 - Update on staff-On 10-2-24, Steven finished his EMS (Essential Management Skills in the Public Sector) class and received the certification. He has a class next month on Dealing with Difficult Employees and Due Process to help better prepare him for the ins and outs of the public sector.
 - S. Acree is taking 10/15/24-10/20/24 off to go hunting. S. Acree and J. Lindsey are taking 10/24/24 off for Sukkot. The office will closed on 10/25 for Nevada Day. T. Schmidt will be out on the 10/30/24-10/31/24 for a H.R. Conference, making S. Acree on call for everything. On 11/6/24, S. Acree will be taking his exam for Treatment Certification. The office will be closed on 11/11/24, for Veteran's Day.
 - T. Schmidt informed the Board that the half mill tank, at the top of Boyer was vandalized during the weekend of 10/5/24-10/6/24. The vandalism consisted of 2 poles painted with obscenities and a federal offense sign that was painted over. T. Schmidt notified the authorities, and J. Seng and S. Acree filled out reports, along with pictures as evidence. It

cost around \$100 for repairs including paint and new signs. T. Schmidt and S. Acree discussed how we couldn't prosecute since we don't know who is responsible. This discussion led to the decision to purchase game cameras. This method would be most effective since we lack power at some sites, besides this being a cheaper option. Browning makes impressive game camera that works day and night. They run on 6 AA batteries, which can last about a year. One would be placed at each of our tank sites; therefore, we will need 6 cameras. This proactive step would help keep other acts from going unprosecuted and pay restitutions. V. Aveiro wanted the purchase of Game Cameras to be motioned on a future agenda. T. Schmidt told her that there was no need for that, as it is part of her job. V. Aveiro was surprised by that and said oh it can just be purchased. J. Catanzarite wanted to put on a future agenda that we will prosecute and we need to prosecute, because cameras will not be cheap. T. Schmidt replies, yes, we will prosecute if we find out who did it and that is why we need to purchase cameras for future events. These responsibilities fall under T. Schmidt's Job Description as Manager.

B. Review of Meetings attended via zoom

-SCCAB Meeting-10/2/24-T. Schmidt attended

Stacy Lindberg presented the voting options and said not to mail in your ballot. If it gets lost, it will not be counted. Each ballot Lyon County sends out, costs the taxpayers \$12 each. So if you don't use the ballot, opt out, so we can save taxpayers money. If you cannot get to a voting site, you can vote on-line at www.nveaze.gov. This site is for those who are enlisted in the military, out of town/state, and people with mobility issues.

Stacy spoke about correcting the votes for SGID, which has been a long process. T. Schmidt has been in contact with S. Lindberg, this is not the first time that there has been voting issues. S. Lindberg is working with the NVSOS and they decided to make a sub-section for the GID within the regular precinct. If a voter is not a 9.0 Stagecoach GID Tax Rate, then they should not get a vote in the GID. Those that are within GID Service Boundaries are the only ones who get to vote for new board members.

T. Hendrix confirmed the BOCC adopted the Flood Management Master Plan that was introduced at the senior center last month. They will be asking for funding to get this project underway, at federal meetings. Lyon County has received some pushback for implementing stronger guidelines concerning planning and building permits, but they will continue to make things as safe as possible for building in flood zones.

A. Brinnand said she is working with T. Hendrix on fixing the reader board in front of the community center. T. Hendrix is looking into getting it rewired due to lighting issues. Chief Hardy, from the fire station, said that if the ballot question passes, we could get better and updated equipment. An ambulance truck can drive 238,000 miles per year, since we are miles away from any hospital. If it doesn't pass, we will still have EMS services, but they will continue to use the same equipment.

Commander Miller, from the sheriff's office, spoke on the recent drug operation in Silver Springs/Stagecoach. The last update is they found 3,500 lb's of marijuana at \$318 per ounce, which is street value. Miller said there was enough money sent to Mexico to cover 5 years of his paychecks.

The public made Miller aware of wrong way drivers at Cheyenne and the highway and at Apache. People don't understand that they can't make a left turn from Cheyenne, so they drive down the wrong side and cut across. People also think they have to make a u-turn to get to the gas station, instead of taking Frontage Rd., off of Apache. There are accidents almost every day, at these two locations.

Presented a list of things going on in the community, anyone can make a copy.

-BOCC Meeting-10/3/24-

This was the same morning as the leak on Iroquois was being repaired and trying to fix the handheld, so T. Schmidt missed the meeting. S. Acree dug the hole but had to leave early for his EMS class. J. Lindsey joined J. Seng as he finished the repairs. T. Schmidt was the only one in the office.

-Planning Meeting-10/8/24-

There was a split vote (3 for, 3 against) concerning the cutting down of nodes on 10 mile hill, which is also private land. The owner of that land can cut them down, but since they want to move materials off of that land for a different project, in a different area of Lyon County, they have to request a special use permit. Senior planner is L. Carriola and the property owner each did a presentation to the BOCC. The property owner applied for a permit, put together a packet, answered all the questions, and hired engineers to come and speak to the county. Upon hearing that 3 voted no, L. Carriola asked the BOCC what the conditions are that they feel are not met, so the developer can make the changes needed to get it passed. He explained again that the developer can demolish the hill and make a big mess, or demolish the hill and haul it to another site. The ones who voted no stated it was because these nodes are near copper canyon and those people spent a lot of time and money in their community. L. Carriola stated that it was located on private property and no one can predict what their neighbor will do. Another reason for a no vote was the people of Dayton don't want access cut-off to BLM Land. L. Carriola reminded them, that the site in question is private property, but the access to BLM Land would be improved and would only be fencing off their equipment. One commissioner said they didn't want the noise and truck traffic. L. Carriola stated that whether they move dirt from this site or buy dirt, the noise and traffic was inevitable. The next concern was the project unnerving the neighbors. The developer was obviously upset when leaving the meeting.

Founder's Day in Silver Springs October 12, which is themed Wild West.

13. **Pay bills over \$5,000**-Manager is authorized to pay all others without approval-None at this time, but Sierra Controls is charging \$5,140. T. Schmidt told them she needed to have the board approve it and reminded them the job hadn't been completed. This will be discussed next board meeting.
14. **Director's suggestions for future agenda items**-None at this time.
15. **Public participation**-L. Bielman updated us on voting: early vote starts 10-19-24 in Dayton at the water facility on Lakes Blvd and Election Day voting will be held at the Dayton High School. Early vote in Silver Springs will start 10-28-24 through 10-30-24, possibly 10-26-24. New things to look for at check in are, if you voted through mail or early vote, you can't vote a second time and now you have to sign an oath saying you haven't already voted and you understand it is a federal offense to vote more than once.
Trunk or treat is being hosted by Stagecoach Bingo and held at the Community Center on October 29, 2024 at 6:00 pm.
V. Aveiro relayed a compliment from a customer. T. Schmidt informed them that she noticed their newly rented house had high usage of water. When they investigated it, they discovered a leak and were able to make the needed repairs.
J. Moore warned not to sign the new voter cards that were sent in the mail, by Lyon County. Even the news reported it was a mistake and not to sign them. S. Lindberg didn't want them sent out because she didn't want personal information on a postcard, in fear of identity theft.

16. **Adjournment**-G. Ray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Catanzarite seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:44.

Minutes Documented by Jeana Lindsey _____ and
Schmidt, Tina _____

Respectfully submitted: _____
Victoria Aveiro, Secretary