

**FOUNTAIN MUTUAL METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
MINUTES**

BOARD MEETING/BUDGET HEARING

Wednesday November 17, 2021 12:00 pm

A Board Meeting and Budget Hearing for the Fountain Mutual Metropolitan District was held Wednesday November 17, 2021, at 12:00 pm. Board members attended virtually by Zoom.us.

FMMD Board Members Present: Janet Refior
Gary Barber
Eric Hulen

Also present: Elise Bergsten
Pete Susemihl
Gary Steen
Laurel Bergsten

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

FMIC Report – Gary Steen

Gary discussed the irrigation season.

Legal Report – Pete Susemihl

The Board needs to adopt an election resolution, and Pete recommends that the board designate himself as the designated election official. Curtis and Eric are both up for re-election.

A motion to appoint Pete Susemihl as designated election official for the upcoming year was made by Janet, seconded by Gary and passed unanimously.

New legislation requires that a call for nominations be mailed or emailed to every registered voter in the district. The mailing list will be prepared by the assessor. A combination of mailing and emailing will be required to send out that notification.

If there are more nominations than empty spots an election would have to occur, costing \$10-15,000. To avoid those costs Pete would recommend that we try to get the nominated people to sit down and agree to who will fill the vacant seat.

Budget Hearing

The Budget Hearing was convened at 12:11 pm. A notice of public hearing was published according to law. Elise reviewed the budget including the three funds: “Emergency Reserve,” “Capital,” and “General Fund.” The Mill Levy has increased, which will result in a \$26,000 increase for the district. Directors were in consensus to add \$2,000 to a new line item for Election Expense. There was no public comment during the budget hearing.

The Budget Hearing was closed at 12:20 pm.

A motion to approve the 2021 Budget Resolution, subject to final Assessed Valuation figures, was made by Gary Barber, seconded by Janet Refior, and passed unanimously.

Gary discussed getting a traffic count on Goldfield Road, and engaging with El Paso County regarding Bradley and the possible future closing of Goldfield Road.

El Paso County reported that they would take out dead trees on Grinnell on their own dime, and they have begun that action. Todd Martz will be a good project partner.

Elise will work on an action plan for construction or an RFP in early spring for the Reach E Trail.

Curtis sent an update about Fountain requesting an easement for electrical work that is necessary for a project that Widefield Water & Sanitation is planning.

The next meeting will be in February with a work session in January, if necessary.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elise M. Bergsten". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Elise Bergsten, Acting Secretary