



METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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**NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
EDGEMONT RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

TO ALL QUALIFIED TAXPAYING ELECTORS OF EDGEMONT RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TO ALL OTHER PERSONS TO WHOM IT MAY BE OF CONCERN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the Regular Meeting of the Edgemont Ranch Metropolitan District Board of Directors will be held at **4:00 PM on Thursday, June 17, 2021** 5972 County Road 234, Durango, Colorado. **(This will not be held on Zoom. If not vaccinated – masks are required.)**

The purpose of the meeting is to transact the items specified below and transact such other business as may properly come before the Board in accordance with the Bylaws of the District.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Sewer Rate Decision – It is anticipated that the secretary/treasurer, (Rich Butler), will recommend that it is not necessary to raise the sewer rate at this time
2. Approve ERMD Regular Board Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2021 and the ERMD Special Board Meeting Minutes from June 3, 2021
3. Possible inquiry with regard to an accessory dwelling unit (ADU)
4. Wastewater Treatment Plant Update – Mr. Butler & Mr. Martinez
5. Staff Report
6. Board Concerns

Dated this 11th day of June, 2021

EDGEMONT RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
Steve Martin, President

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**Edgemont Ranch Metropolitan District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Minutes**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edgemont Ranch Metropolitan District was called to order on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 4:03 PM at the Metro Office, 5972 CR 234, Durango, Colorado.

All directors were in attendance: Steve Martin, Larry Mongelli, Al Winzerling, Andrew Rapiejko and Rich Butler attended by phone conference. Metro staff members in attendance were: Robert Ludwig, Kurtis Martinez, Mike Lancianese, Eric Mietchen, Marilyn Heide, Mary Zoesch and Annette Hutchins. Resident Don Marwin attended as well.

Mr. Martin introduced Mr. Butler via conference call to discuss the sewer rate decision. Mr. Butler explained that originally it appeared that it may be necessary to raise the Metro sewer rates due to the higher cost of building the waste water plant. He now anticipated Metro will not have to raise the rates at this time for these reasons: 1) there has been a lot of growth in the development, in Overlook, Timbers and Meadows - 85 more homes than expected. This has added a significant amount of revenue to the Metro District's budget, 2) the financing came in at a lower rate and for a longer amortization – Alpine's financing offer was better than the many alternatives examined, and 3) the Project can be completed within the budget bid by Integrated Water Services. So for these reasons it is possible not to raise rates at this time. The caveat – Metro may have to address this issue again in the future if growth slows more than expected, our operating costs rise due to inflation or the Project costs above budget. Mr. Martin moved not to raise sewer rates at this time, seconded by Mr. Winzerling and was unanimously approved. Mr. Butler commented if there is higher inflation the board may have to raise the rates in 5 or 6 years.

Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Butler for his hard work on the financing of the new waste water plant. He appreciated his time and effort.

There was a good article in the Durango Herald newspaper that covered the construction of the Edgemont Ranch Metro District's state-of-the-art waste water plant.

Mr. Butler signed off.

Mr. Martin asked if anyone attending the meeting wanted to inquire about an accessory dwelling unit (ADU). No one attending asked about this issue. Mr. Ludwig stated, for the record, Metro District does not approve of ADUs.

Mr. Martinez gave a waste water lagoon update. The ammonia and nitrogen levels have been too high, but we should see the levels decreasing. There was a 70 day detention and then we will be back in compliance. The new waste water plant is underway with the construction of a 200' x 20' tall cement foundation. There have been 4 pours of cement with the last one being done today. Staff is meeting with Goeff Engineering on Tuesday to review the final numbers for the treatment building.

Mr. Ludwig related that the Edgemont Ranch 2021 Annual Water Quality Report (for calendar year 2020) had been distributed to all of the residents. This report included the THM issue that occurred the last quarter of 2019 and was resolved the first quarter of 2020. The treatment plant has gone through a basis of design with the Health Department and has been approved for a new filter addition in 2022. The anthracite in our sand filter is scheduled for replacement this

year for better organic compound removal. Mr. Ludwig requested a board approval for purchase of carbon anthracite for the filtration system in the water plant. This would meet the redundant filtration requirement for the state. The cost is \$13K. Mr. Martin moved to approve the purchase of carbon anthracite for the water plant, seconded by Mr. Winzerling and was also approved by Mr. Mongelli and Mr. Rapiejko.

Lastly, Mr. Martin introduced new employees, Eric Mietchen, and Mary Zoesch.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Hutchins,
Administrative Assistant