

Coolin Sewer District Regular Meeting Minutes January 8, 2025

The Coolin Sewer District Board of Directors met on January 8, 2025, at the Coolin Civic Center. Those present were Jake Copeland, Paul LaCasse, Jim Morse, and Josh Christensen. Also present were Chris Morris, Jordan Brooks, and Thad O’Sullivan. See sign in sheet for community members present. Jake called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Paul motioned to approve the meeting minutes from December 4th. The motion was seconded by Josh and carried.

Josh motioned to approve the bill payments and treasurer’s report. The motion was seconded by Paul and carried.

Jordan confirmed the employee medical stipend totals include the employer taxes and retirement contributions, gross paid to employees is approximately 19% less than the voted-on amounts.

Paul gave an update on the generator soft starts. He said the pump still pulls a lot of power on the initial start-up but doesn’t kick off the generator. Jordan confirmed that the propane tanks were switched to “keep full” status with City Service.

The Board further reviewed the connection fee study. After considering what amount everyone was comfortable with, Josh motioned to approve raising the connection fee from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Effective February 1, 2025. The motion was seconded by Paul and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Jake stated that in December, it was brought to the District’s attention that IDEQ denied the first Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) completed since the Wastewater Facility Plan (WWFP) approval. The Board discussed that without updated flow data, IDEQ mandated a conservative estimate of 200 gallons per day/per ERU to be used in the plan. Consequently, when IDEQ reviewed the PER and referred to the WWFP’s flow data, it showed no remaining capacity, even for LID customers. Communication with District Engineers Zack and Kyle indicated that after consulting Chris Westerman from IDEQ, amending the WWFP to include recent flow data—collected over 12+ months—was necessary. The amendment would ideally demonstrate enough capacity to connect those who have paid in to the system (LID customer) or those who had an approved connection prior to the moratorium going into effect. There was some discussion on a District-wide PER and if it was something to consider. Steve Yob commented that he was in the process of getting PERs for his 2 lots.

He said the engineer he talked with was concerned about the flows. He also stated he would be in favor of a District-wide PER. Jake mentioned that a District-wide PER had previously been discussed with Zack and Kyle and their recommendation was to leave it up to each property owner as it's part of development and the cost to get their own system installed. Ultimately, the Board decided to arrange a meeting with the District engineers to discuss these topics further.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Chris reported that a new blower has been installed in the lagoon control room. RC Worst had to visit the site to make necessary adjustments before the blower became operational. Since then, the blower has been functioning efficiently. Additionally, during their visit, RC Worst also installed a new heater in the control room to replace the broken unit.

Chris listed off his service calls from December.

Cyrus Azar – new pump contacts

Leonard Paul Store - new pump in the basement

Guy Byrd – new pump float

Chris said he was working on getting the fire extinguishers serviced at the shop.

No further business was discussed. Josh motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:56pm. The motion was seconded by Jim and carried.

Submitted by,

Jordan Brooks

Clerk | Treasurer

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Meeting Sign in Sheet

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Print your first and last name below. Thank you!

1. *Carl Nicholson*

2. *Steve Yob*

3. *Lori Yob*

4. *BILL APESH*

5. *Ann Russ*

6. *JAMES LEA*

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