FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT #18 - TETON CREEK

Minutes for July 20, 2023 Budget Hearing – 373 Quaking Aspen Drive, Driggs

Commissioners present: President Chuck Belisle, Vice Chairman Les Mason, Secretary/ Treasurer Mary Lou Hansen.

Others present: Mike Lien, Friends of the Teton River; Paul Hansen; Kelly Sanders.

The meeting began at 4:07 pm.

The minutes of August 24, 2022 and March 10, 2023 were approved.

Financial reports. The P&L for October 1, 2022-July 18, 2023 showed $24,187 income and $1,942 expenses while the Balance Sheet showed $90,571 in cash assets. The US Bank checking account holds $24,305 with the remaining $66,266 invested in Idaho's Local Government Liability Pool, currently earning almost 5% interest. $20,000 has been earmarked for "Flood Emergency Reserves" with the remaining balance available for local cash match as required for the upcoming FEMA grant and for future repair and maintenance when needed on completed restoration projects.

2023 Runoff. Despite a heavy snow year, weather conditions during April, May and June resulted in a slow, steady runoff, causing very little streambank damage/flooding. Arlin Grimes/Aqua Terra was on standby in case emergency flood control work became necessary.

Teton Creek FEMA grant. Mike Lien said the City of Driggs was notified in March that FEMA intended to allocate funds for the Teton Creek project upon completion of two studies: an Environmental Assessment and a Cultural Resources Assessment. Provided no impediments are identified by these yet-to-be-completed studies, FEMA will issue a formal "pre-approval letter". Creekside Meadows homeowners may need to purchase FEMA flood insurance for another year in order to keep the City eligible for the FEMA grant. Mike agreed to contact the Creekside Meadows HOA Board of Directors about this.

FY 2024 Budget Hearing. The FY 2024 Budget, with $27,000 revenue and $27,000 expense, was approved unanimously. No one offered public comments at the hearing. Next year's ICRMP insurance cost will increase to $2,300. Chuck met with an ICRMP representative in April and said it's very unlikely that the FCD will ever need to file a claim with ICRMP. However, the ICRMP policy protects the Board and satisfies the requirement that FCD Commissioners "file a bond" (Idaho Code 42-3109).

Commissioner Terms of Office. The Idaho Legislature has changed portions of Idaho Code affecting the appointment of FCD commissioners. The Idaho Department of Water Resources was previously responsible for the appointing commissioners, but that responsibility now belongs to the local FCD board of commissioners. The 3-year term for Middle Division Commissioner Les Mason expires April 30, 2024. The Board will need to make a formal appointment before that date.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Lou Hansen Mary Lou Hansen