CENTERVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Directors Present: President Woodstrom, Vice President Oliver, Director Richison,

Director Hopson and Director Whitehead

Absent: None

Others Present: Roger Ankeny, Martha Ankeny, Lori Childres, Paul Reuter, Collin

Bogener, Tina Teuscher and Chris Muehlbacher

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS:

I <u>Call to Order</u>: President Woodstrom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Public Comment Period: President Woodstrom opened the public comment period. Roger Ankeny stated that June of 2020 he brought it to the Board's attention that Grant School was not paying enough. He knows that the Board has an increase before them tonight regarding Grant School. He asked how we were going to re-coop the money the District lost through the years, giving them a reduced rate. He also stated that Zones A and A1 were being subsidized by rate payers not in those zones, he asked how they would be reimbursed for covering the expenses in those zones. He believes the Cost-of-Service Analysis (COSA) that was performed for these rate increases, is inadequate and mentioned that he is actively looking for an attorney if the District takes action on these rate increases.

No other comments were received. The public comment period was closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of the Roger Ankeny v. Centerville Community Services District, Case No. 21CL0031: Mr. Muehlbacher stated that this was an informational item regarding the lawsuit filed against the District by Mr. Roger Ankeny. He explained that this item had been discussed several times under closed session; but because the case is now resolved it can be discussed openly.

Mr. Muehlbacher stated that Mr. Ankeny had filed a small claims action against the District regarding the 2020 rate increase which following appeal, was ultimately dismissed in favor of the District. He also stated that the District spent approximately \$7,500 on attorney fees for the case, not to mention the additional attorney fees expended on the 100+ public records requests made by Mr. Ankeny which contributed to this budget item being considerable overbudget.

OLD BUSINESS:

I <u>Public Hearing/Adoption of Ordinance 2021-01, Amending Ordinance 96-1, Section 6, (I) Pump Surcharge Fee</u>: Mr. Muehlbacher stated that both the A and A1 pump zones are underfunded. This past year there were significant repairs to both zones and their reserves were depleted. The proposed adjustments will help bring these zones in alignment with their expenses which includes higher

utility expenses and provide funding for needed repairs and maintenance. The District received a total of two protest letters regarding this rate adjustment.

President Woodstrom opened the public hearing. No comments were received.

Vice President Oliver moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-01, Amending Ordinance 96-1, Section 6, I Pump Surcharge Fee. Director Hopson seconded. President Woodstrom called for a roll call vote: Director Whitehead — yes, Director Richison — yes; Vice President Oliver — yes, Director Hopson - yes and President Woodstrom — yes. Motion carried.

II <u>Public Hearing/Adoption of Ordinance 2021-02, Amending Ordinance 96-1 Section 7, Water Rates, (c) Grant School</u>: Mr. Muehlbacher stated that following the COSA it is recommended that Grant School be charged the District's Consumption Rate of \$1.083.

President Woodstrom opened the public hearing. Mr. Ankeny stated that he does not believe the COSA has been published correctly, nor does it contain the proper documentation to raise Grant School's rates.

Director Richison moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-02, Amending 96-1, Section 7, Water Rates, (c) Grant School. Vice President Oliver seconded. President Woodstrom called for a roll call vote: Director Whitehead – yes, Director Richison – yes; Vice President Oliver – yes, Director Hopson and President Woodstrom – yes. Motion carried.

III <u>Public Hearing/Adoption of Ordinance 2021-03, Establishing a Drought Surcharge</u>: Mr. Muehlbacher stated that it is recommended that the Board adopt the Drought Surcharge for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 from August 1 through June 30, 2022. He stated that as a result of the reduced M&I allocation the District purchased 400 acre-feet from the McConnell Foundation at a cost of \$250 per acre-foot using funds from the O&M Reserve. The Drought Surcharge will help recover a portion of this cost. This is based upon a proposed consumption based charge of \$.08 per 100 cubic-feet. He stated that the District does have adequate water supplies at this time due to the purchase.

President Woodstrom opened the public hearing. Mr. Ankeny stated that the COSA publication stated that there is no Consumption Rate increase; however, this is a surcharge based on consumption.

Director Whitehead stated that the 400 acre-feet that was purchased will hopefully get us through the drought without having to place customers on water allocations. He stated that charging a surcharge to help cover the costs of the additional water is much better than placing customers on monthly water allocations and then charging penalties when they go over the allocation. He also reminded everyone that the surcharge only recovers half of the expense.

Vice President Oliver stated that he too is in favor of the surcharge as opposed to water allocations and penalties.

Director Hopson moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-03, Establishing a Drought Surcharge. Director Whitehead seconded. President Woodstrom called for a roll call vote: Director Whitehead - yes, Director Richison - yes; Vice President Oliver – yes, Director Hopson - yes and President Woodstrom - yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

I Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.