**EL RANCHO FLORIDA METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

**REGULAR MEETING – January 17, 2019**

The El Rancho Florida Metropolitan District held their regular monthly meeting on January 17, 2019 at 6:00 PM. The following Board members attended the meeting:

Steve Swisher – President

Robin Boucher – Vice President

Jim Belcher - Secretary

Ken Charles

Also, present for the meeting were: Robert Ludwig and Tom Riley – Water Operators; Rex Emenegger – grader operator and Marsha Moreland – administrator were also present. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

**MINUTES:**

A motion approving the minutes of November 29 and October 3, 2018 was made, moved and passed.

**WATER REPORT:**

1. *System Updates*: Meters are estimated for January.

The Mortimer tap at 35 Ute Place done by WC,Inc. (Mike Waters) and it just waiting for them to call for it to be turned on.

1. *System Improvements*: The District was awarded a $400,000 Grant by DOLA. Depending on the bids received the project may need to be adjusted based on ‘cost’ of the project. Goff Engineering will be opening the bids on January 25th at 1:00 PM. It could take 60-90 days before the contract is executed once the Contractor is chosen, low bid.

c. *La Plata Archuleta Connection:* The meeting that Steve attended was favorably received. The District is actually considering possibly a 4” connection with LAPLAT at the pump house that can be used ‘either way’ in emergency situations. Robert stated that the tap could be done sometime in March. At the meeting they discussed tap fee, Intergovernmental Agreement for ‘bulk’ service and a rate structure.

d. There will be a Tracer Study done on the chlorine levels in May or June. Tom has purchased a Colorimeter and PH meter from USA Bluebook.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

a. Accounts Payable were approved as reviewed, see attached listing.

b. Accounts Receivable list will be mailed out prior to the meeting.

c. The mill levy has been certified to the County and DOLA for 23.841 mills.

d. The meeting day, time and place are the same. 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:00 PM at 755 East 2nd. Avenue, Durango.

e. Marsha reported that the District will have an Audit Exemption again for 2018. It was agreed that Clark White & Associates will be doing the exemption.

**ROAD REPORT:**

a. Road Maintenance Update – Rex emailed his report to the board and Marsha prior to the meeting. There followed a brief discussion on maintenance done.

b. The District gave their permission for the HOA to run irrigation water down the borough ditch along the roadway to 4 lots, with the last one holding project water.

**COMMON AREA:**

a. Common Area Report – Rex informed the Metro board that the HOA may be withdrawing their contribution for common area maintenance items after 2019. They have a tight budget and do not want to have to raise fees because items they have been helping the Metro District with are putting a strain on their budget going forward.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. HOA Annual Meeting is February 12th at the Oxford Grange again this year.

**PENDING:**

a. Agreement with La Plata Archuleta Water District on connection.

b. Contact SkyWertz on wireless service for the District.

c. Tiered Water Rates modification discussion.

d. Lease Purchase consideration.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Jim Belcher, Secretary