

VRMDWCA Special Single-Subject Board Meeting Minutes
Friday January 31, 2025, 4:00 pm (MST)
via Zoom

1. Call to Order and Certification of a Quorum: W. Pierard called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm. B. Garside certified that with 7 of 8 voting members present, the quorum was met.

Board Members Present: Wendy Pierard, president; Audrey LaFehr, vice president; Betsy Garside, secretary; Laurent Cavalie, treasurer; Directors: Steve Marquart, Kevin Pierard, Chris van Schayk. Adjunct Directors: Anthony Moore, Stephen Warren. Not present: Kristi Brislawn.

Community Members Present: Bill Daily, Susan Rule, Cecilia Kuchinsky, Nancy Seifert, Craig Slawson, Theresa Baysden.

Others Present: Dennis Trujillo, III-D

4. Discussion of Martin/Martin Proposal and Budget for Initial Work on New Well:

W. Pierard gave a brief recap of steps to date on the new well: The need and budget placeholder were approved at the 2024 VRMDWCA annual meeting, after which a request for proposal went out. While there were discussions with a few contractors, Martin/Martin Consulting Engineers was the only contractor who submitted a proposal for the initial phase. D. Trujillo pointed out that he has worked with Martin/Martin in the past to good effect.

L. Cavalie pointed out that the Association does not yet have a location or total budget for the new well. The 2025 VRMDWCA budget includes \$475,000, but in discussions with III-D that amount may be a little short. A potential total might be more in the range of \$550,000.

C. van Schayk mentioned there is a certain urgency to this project: Current wells are 20 or more years old, and are stretched at the height of the water-usage season.

As currently planned, funding for the new well will come from the Association; there is no funding from the state. If the \$137,000 engineering-and-design phase yields a result that is substantially more expensive, the Association can at that point apply for government grants to offset costs, which would extend the timeline.

5. Vote on Budget for Engineering-and-Design Phase of New Well

The proposal from Martin/Martin is \$136,929. That amount includes subcontractors, hydrogeological analysis, abatement system, permits through the state, and inspection fees. If the Association were to back out inspections, that would take approximately 24% out of the Martin/Martin proposal, but the Association would still have to pay for inspections and manage them. D. Trujillo pointed out that incorporating inspections in Martin and Martin's scope of work will streamline the process, which will still take a while.

C. van Schayk made the motion that the Association approve the Martin/Martin proposal and move forward; B. Garside seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Next step: D. Trujillo will ask Dennise Trujillo to put together the documents required by the state as well as an award letter for M&M, and get those to W. Pierard for signature in a timely fashion.

7. Any New Business: None.

8. Adjournment: B. Garside made the motion to adjourn the meeting, C. van Schayk seconded, and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 PM.