

Alta Community Advisory Committee
(Alta Solid Waste Disposal District)
Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes
Date: April 20, 2022

Call to Order: The regular quarterly meeting of the ASWDD was held in person at the Alta Library and was called to order at 5:05 p.m. on April 20, 2022. Present were Scott Pierson, President; Janis Falabella, Secretary; Deb Adams, Treasurer (by phone); and Hadley Stewart. Guests attending were Chris Blaine from Silverstar, Winston Welch from the Targhee Towne Water District (TTWD), Michael Scheller (TTWD) and Dan MacDonald.

Review Agenda. No additions/corrections were made.

January Meeting Minutes

Hadley motioned for the minutes from January 2022 to be accepted as written, Deb seconded and the motion passed. Final minutes will be posted here: <https://www.tetoncountywyo.gov/AgendaCenter> and on the Alta library bulletin board.

Treasurers Report & Budget Review

Debra Adams provided a proposed budget and a Finance Report (as of March 31, 2022) to the board (attached hereto). The budget will be voted on at the next quarterly meeting in July. Idaho has not told us yet what the fees for the coming year are going to be and the balance of solid waste fee deposits from TCWY will come in May/June as property tax receipts come in. The amount of solid waste being deposited at the TCID Solid Waste & Recycling facility has gone way up so it is not inconceivable that fees could be higher. We do maintain a reserve to cover any unanticipated items.

Old Business

1. US Forest Service (USFS) Report

a. Grand Targhee Expansion. Updates from Rob Marin, Teton County Planning Special Project Manager. It is now thought that the Grand Targhee Environmental Impact Study (EIS) will not be completed until June/July 2022. Once the document is released, the public will have a minimum of 90 days to provide comments on the analysis and findings. On the project website, the news page includes information about some modifications that have been made to the original proposal. The project website may be found here: <https://grandtargheeresorteis.org/news>

b. **Socioeconomic Study** – the EcoNorthwest socioeconomic study should be done in May 2022.

2. Targhee Towne Water District Source Water Assessment

The initial publication of the TTWD Source Water Assessment was published in February of 2022 by the Targhee Towne Water Board (TTWB). The report states: *“The TTWB intends the assessment plan to be a living document, subject to change and improvement as conditions warrant. The intended audience for the Plan is the TTWB, its water users, and relevant federal, state, and county entities.”* ASWDD board members who live in TTWD are encouraged to read the report and send comments to Winston Welch. A copy of the report was sent to Rob Marin and the TTWB hopes to get it in front of the TC Board of Commissioners. Eventually, the report will be filed with the WYDEQ. Results/data from any new residential wells being drilled and tested in Targhee Towne and would be welcomed by the TTWB.

3. Silver Star Fiber Update by Chris Blaine

Most drops are in. 75% to 80% of the folks who registered with Silver Star now have drops to their houses. The electronic supply side of the project is negatively impacting completing the conversion to Fiber. A CISCO router was supposed to be shipped on March 31st and has been pushed to May 31st. In the meantime, Silver Star repurposed the router from the decommissioned Soda Springs site as a temporary measure in order to get the services up & running. The final piece will be a backup generator (Nov. 2022) which is intended to cover multi-day/catastrophic outages. Battery back-up will cover outages in the range of 6-8 hours. Work Orders are out to finish homes to the South (in &

around the golf course and Spring Creek), East heading up Ski Hill Road (beyond Alta North), up Alta North, up State Line road to South Leigh, Tetonia, etc. This work will be carried out by the same subcontractor as before: Action Excavation.

4. Teton County Solid Waste & Recycling Facility, Driggs, Idaho

Updates from Daryl Johnson, TCID Public Works Director. The tonnage has gone way, way up in the past couple of years, including household waste, construction demolition and diverted materials. The facility continues to struggle to keep the household waste building floor cleared as hauling to Circle Butte has become challenging and they do not anticipate things to change – ie, this may be the new normal. They’ve experienced two fires in their household waste building (one serious last year) and another more recently was caught before it caused significant damage. Daryl asked to remind folks not to put any “flammables” in household trash. East Idaho Solid Waste District is trying to secure land and build a landfill near Newdale (Fremont County) which would take some of the pressure off long-hauling trash to Circle Butte, as this new location would be half the distance. They are hoping to open the Newdale landfill in 2023 and are looking for a fulltime weighmaster.

5. County Roads Discussion Speeds-signage-enforcement

Scott spoke with Dave Gustafson and received an update. They’ll be grading the roads shortly which will include State Line, South Leigh, Spring Creek and Teton Canyon although Teton Canyon needs more gravel. In May they’ll begin sweeping all the county roads. Speed humps to be installed on Alta North and Yellow Rose stop signs are being put in next year’s budget. Janis mentioned that the budget should also include speed humps for State Line Road. A 4-way stop sign is still being considered for the intersection of 2500 and State Line Road. Grading needs to be less severe in Targhee Towne in certain spots where cars routinely go off the road in winter. Reflectors installed seasonably (for winter) may also help define the “edge”. Dave has agreed to come and do a “tour” with board members.

6. Teton County Land Development Regulations

- a. Planner report – no updates
- b. New building permits –Meredith Wilson’s applications passed for both a reception hall (not to exceed 5,000 sf of gross floor area) at 140 Alta North Road and for an outdoor reception site (no more than 30 individual events can take place annually). Hours of operation 9:00 am to 11:00 pm (music must stop by 10:00 pm). For more information about “conditions” under which the permits were approved visit:
<https://www.tetoncountywy.gov/DocumentCenter/View/20772/CUP2021-0004-Packet-BCC1422?bidId=>
- c. Septic System regulations – new residential septic system regulations are being considered. Biggest potential impact to existing systems is a proposed requirement to inspect and or pump every 5 or 7 years.
- d. Natural Resource amendments. New wildlife regulations passed. See Wildlife Article 5 Division 5.1
 - o 5.1.2. Wildlife Friendly Fencing (12/8/21)5-5
 - o 5.1.3. Wild Animal Feeding (4/19/2022)5-9
- e. Short Term Rentals (< 30 days) – these are illegal and should be reported to the Jackson planning staff.

7. Annual Community Picnic – permits will be required for the 2022 picnic. Scott to review the checklist that Janis prepared and follow up with board members and 4-H by email.

6. Communications of Board / Committee

ASWDD Board Meeting Minutes and Agendas are being posted to the county web site and may be found by using the following link: <https://www.tetoncountywy.gov/AgendaCenter>. Deb Adams and Scott Pierson to discuss ways in which to get in front of the TCBOC to address Alta-specific issues. Chris Clabuesch (our admin contact for posting minutes) has moved to a new job as of Friday 4/22/2022.

New Business

1. Property Taxes

A. Increases. Property assessments are up significantly. The period to submit a protest is the next 30 days. The Mill levy (tax rate) has not been set yet for 2022. Increases to the assessed value on Teton County Wyoming properties went up by as much as 140%. Based on 2021, a significant portion of the Mill levy goes to Parks and Recreation.

B. Solid Waste Fees. Currently, ASWDD charges \$110 per residential lot; \$500 per commercial lot (including short-term rentals). We do not know yet what Idaho will be charging us for fees for the up & coming year.

C. Alta Park Expansion. If the Alta community is looking to expand the Alta Park to include things like pickle ball and tennis courts, folks need to get their input into the Park & Rec department ahead of the budget process. Next budget meeting is scheduled for April 26th. It is not clear how many people in the Alta Community at large are aware of such plans/desires. Suggest a separate community meeting to discuss further and to seek further community input would help facilitate this endeavor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm

Next Meeting: July, 21 2022 at 4pm at the Alta Library followed by the Community Picnic at 6pm