



MEEKER
SANITATION
DISTRICT

ANNUAL BUDGET

BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022

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**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEMBERS**

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

MICHAEL HOKE

TREASURER OF THE BOARD

CINDY BALLOGA

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

TRAVIS DAY

DIRECTORS

CHARLES DAY

JOHN HOOPER

**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
STAFF**

OFFICE

GAIL FRANTZ - OFFICE MANAGER
RACHEL WILLEY - OFFICE ASSISTANT

PLANT

KURT NIELSEN - PLANT MANAGER
KARL CASIAS - ASSISTANT PLANT MANAGER
ROBERT RALEY - PLANT OPERATOR
BRETT MCGRUDER – PLANT OPERATOR

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MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT

PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

7:00 P.M.

MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT BUILDING

265 8TH STREET

BOARD ROOM

MEEKER, COLORADO

ALL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT

HISTORY

The Meeker Sanitation District was organized on December 4th, 1961. The Meeker Sanitation District replaced many small sewer associations that were established years before the Meeker Sanitation District was organized. The organization of the Meeker Sanitation District would allow all the people who were utilizing these associations, and any people who would like sewer service, but did not have any at that time, to use the Meeker Sanitation District. Since 1961 the Meeker Sanitation District has operated effectively for the community of Meeker.

LOCATION

The Meeker Sanitation District is located on the north bank of the White River in the Northwestern corner of Colorado in the East center portion of Rio Blanco County. The Town of Meeker is the county seat for Rio Blanco County.

GOVERNING BODY

The Meeker Sanitation District is a Special District and a political subdivision of the State of Colorado. The voters elect five Directors to serve on the District Board. Special District elections are held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of May in every odd numbered year. The Board of Director Members serve four-year terms, which are staggered. Two Board Members are elected one election and the other three Board Members are elected the next election.

ECONOMIC BASE

Meeker residents are employed in various activities, such as: agriculture, mining, construction, natural resources, tourism and government. An increase in jobs related to the natural gas and oil industry impacted this area substantially in 2008. Although the oil and gas industry are alive in Rio Blanco County, it has slowed substantially. Several gas processing plants have been constructed and are employing a fraction of the workers that were here in former years. Shell Oil is no longer operational in the County. Some employees for the gas processing plant have made their homes here in Meeker. The number of oil and gas drilling rigs has declined in the last couple of years, the area is seeing a few new drilling rigs move into the area recently. It was expected that the population would decrease when the pipeline and gas plant construction employees left, this happened sooner than anticipated. Although the oil and gas industry is still present here the community has felt the loss of revenue and employment with recent changes to use more sustainable energy resources. The District feels that the oil and gas is present here, and as prices change, we probably will be impacted in the future. The community has felt the loss of revenue and employment due to the loss of oil and gas industry. There is still one Soda Ash Plant operating in the County.

As with all of America Covid-19 has played a role in our economics. Businesses were hard hit in our community. The District complied with all of the state of Colorado mandates. Covid-19 has changed the way that we do business with our customers. We have seen an upswing in the number of delinquent accounts. We have brought in new payment methods for our customers that are contactless, allowing for safety and distance for our customers and employees. Covid-19 is an unprecedented situation that only time will predict the effects on our community, Colorado, United States and the world as a whole.

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MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT

2022 BUDGET MESSAGE

Introduction

The Meeker Sanitation District's 2022 budget has been prepared in accordance with the Board of Directors continuing philosophy of offering services as economically as possible. The Meeker Sanitation District has a goal of operating economically and insuring the health, safety, prosperity, security, and general welfare of the people of the Meeker Sanitation District.

Budget Highlights

The 2022 budget has been prepared by projecting revenues based on information available historically and other projections provided to the Meeker Sanitation District from the Department of Local Affairs, and the Rio Blanco County Assessor. The budget includes a section with beginning and ending fund balances.

The Meeker Sanitation District had employee changes for 2021. Our long-standing Assistant Plant Manager retired and was replaced by a Plant Operator. The District employs a Plant Manager, one fulltime Plant Operator and one part time Plant Operator for the wastewater treatment facility. The District has an Office Manager and an Office Assistant, the current Office Manager will be retiring in January of 2022 and we are advancing the Office Assistant to the Office Manager position and have hired a new Office Assistant. The Board of Directors has looked hard at the wages of the District employees, and employees will receive a wage increase for 2022 of 2.5% across the board for every employee. The officers for the Board of Directors remained the same for 2021 as they were in 2020 one long standing board member resigned and a new person was appointed to that position. Chairperson Michael Hoke remaining the same, and Travis Day is the Secretary of the Board and Cindy Balloga is the Treasurer of the Board.

Everyone has worked diligently to minimize expenditures without jeopardizing District services and maintenance for the District's equipment and lines. The Meeker Sanitation District is committed to maintaining quality services and preserving the District's investment in the sewage treatment plant, lines and buildings. The District will be working toward obtaining funding for future upgrades. In 2022 the District plans to have a new metal building constructed for the wastewater treatment facility and replacing an antiquated HVAC system.

The Meeker Sanitation District believes that motivated, competent and dedicated employees are essential to achieving this commitment. The Meeker Sanitation District will continue to keep costs of government economical and take an active role in promoting cooperation with other governmental entities recognizing that it benefits all citizens of the community.

The 2022 Meeker Sanitation District budget was prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The primary services that will be provided during the 2022 calendar year are maintaining the collection system and wastewater treatment facility for the service of wastewater treatment.

MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT

Revenue Overview:

Revenues projected during 2022 are estimated at \$931,532.40. Property taxes increased substantially for 2021 due to changes in the Rio Blanco County Assessors valuation and an increase to our mill levy of 9.47. Revenues are expected to be more than they were in 2021. The District will restore the mill levy for the District from 7.47 mills to 9.47 mills. After careful consideration the Board of Directors has decided to restore the mill levy to help defray the cost of operations and maintenance and upkeep of the treatment facility. The District will be applying for an State Revolving Fund loan and a Department of Local Affairs Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Program to help pay for the cost of the new metal building and HVAC system. The board of the Sanitation District will not increase rates for 2021 or 2022.

The impact of Covid-19 to are community has seen an influx of people moving here for the safety and wellbeing of them and their families. Real estate property in our area has seen a substantial increase in selling price. Due to this we have almost nonexistent affordable housing. The upswing of these circumstances allows the District to collect more property taxes due to an increase in the certified evaluation.

The Meeker Sanitation District's Certified Assessed Value by Rio Blanco County Assessor on November 30, 2021 was \$21,637,740.000, which will generate \$204,909.40 in property tax as revenue. The Meeker Sanitation District's restored mill levy is 9.47.

Expenditure Overview:

For the operation of the District, the estimated expenditures for 2022 have increased by \$64,647.78 from the 2021 appropriated expenditures. The District has seen an increase in the employee health insurance program, an increase in the water sampling program, and the repayment of the State Revolving Fund loan if we obtain it.

For the 2022 budget year the office will operate with two employees and the plant will have three employees to share the duties of treating wastewater, maintaining equipment, sewer mains, grounds and buildings.

Budget Summary

The proposed 2022 operations budget has been increased by \$64,647.78 from the 2021 budget. Capital Outlay for Improvements has a separate page in the Budget. Capital Outlay is still figured in the Expenses on the total Budget outlook. The Meeker Sanitation District's budget is actively monitored throughout the year by the Board of Directors and the District staff members to ensure that operating expenditures do not exceed operating revenues.

The present staff strives to maintain the best service to the people that is possible. Members of the staff participate in continuing education classes in their respective fields to maintain a high quality of performance of their tasks. The commitment of the employees and the Board of Director Members has contributed to the success of the services provided by the Meeker Sanitation District.

Respectfully Submitted

Rachel Willey
Budget Director
Meeker Sanitation District

OFFICE

PROPOSED BUDGET FYE 12/31/2022

	Actual Prior Year 12/31/2020	Appropriated for Year 12/31/2021	Estimated FYE 12/31/2021	Proposed FYE 12/31/2022
Salary - Office Manager	\$ 63,297.32	\$ 61,215.94	\$ 61,791.90	\$ 67,167.84
Meeting Allowance	\$ 890.04	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Salary - Office Assistant	\$ 44,843.20	\$ 43,243.00	\$ 46,721.52	\$ 37,084.88
Directors Fees	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Attorney	\$ 18,900.00	\$ 18,900.00	\$ 18,900.00	\$ 18,900.00
Retirement	\$ 18,400.47	\$ 18,439.97	\$ 19,042.49	\$ 18,436.62
Unemployment Tax	\$ 395.94	\$ 389.58	\$ 267.83	\$ 259.31
Social Security & Med	\$ 10,495.44	\$ 9,934.21	\$ 10,244.38	\$ 9,918.43
Health Insurance	\$ 54,279.99	\$ 57,034.32	\$ 59,633.04	\$ 64,675.74
Audit	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,950.00	\$ 5,000.00
Bonds- Liability Ins.	\$ 2,506.00	\$ 2,631.30	\$ 2,631.30	\$ 2,279.97
State Comp. Ins.	\$ 247.14	\$ 300.00	\$ 238.62	\$ 300.00
Office Supplies	\$ 21,521.42	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 16,853.64	\$ 18,000.00
Phone	\$ 2,977.91	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,160.00	\$ 3,200.00
Treasurers Fee	\$ 7,540.53	\$ 7,511.95	\$ 8,960.28	\$ 10,243.36
Tax Abatement	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Unclassified Misc.	\$ 2,830.82	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,051.20	\$ 1,200.00
SDA Dues	\$ 851.39	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,000.00
Education	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,655.11	\$ 3,000.00
Electricity	\$ 668.84	\$ 700.00	\$ 642.12	\$ 700.00
Natural Gas	\$ 639.42	\$ 700.00	\$ 647.52	\$ 710.00
Water	\$ 297.30	\$ 310.00	\$ 306.60	\$ 310.00
Interest & Election Exp	\$ 20.08	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 1,799.59	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,876.92	\$ 2,000.00
Contingency	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 262,402.84	\$ 264,460.27	\$ 267,974.47	\$ 276,886.15

MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
PLANT
PROPOSED BUDGET FYE 12/31/2022

	Actual Prior Year 12/31/2020	Appropriated for Year 12/31/2021	Estimated FYE 12/31/2021	Proposed FYE 12/31/2022
Salary - Plant Manager	\$ 78,202.24	\$ 74,412.10	\$ 74,412.10	\$ 75,721.01
Salary - Plant Operator	\$ 61,874.34	\$ 59,107.06	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 49,318.56
Salary - Plant Employees	\$ 35,235.14	\$ 31,870.80	\$ 44,994.70	\$ 42,458.91
Overtime & On Call Time	\$ 22,670.95	\$ 25,873.73	\$ 25,873.73	\$ 27,186.44
Retirement	\$ 27,611.36	\$ 27,159.44	\$ 27,555.59	\$ 27,684.20
Social Security & Med	\$ 14,845.55	\$ 14,631.67	\$ 14,824.21	\$ 14,893.40
Unemployment Tax	\$ 593.95	\$ 573.79	\$ 387.56	\$ 389.37
Health Insurance	\$ 78,439.96	\$ 82,394.64	\$ 87,975.24	\$ 91,569.36
State Comp. Insurance Liability & Property Ins.	\$ 2,651.86	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 3,313.38	\$ 3,500.00
Electricity	\$ 24,662.00	\$ 28,526.40	\$ 28,526.40	\$ 6,174.03
Natural Gas	\$ 77,180.94	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 72,358.92	\$ 8,000.00
Phone	\$ 11,799.11	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 10,955.04	\$ 18,000.00
Trash	\$ 5,818.19	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,451.20	\$ 6,000.00
Vehicle Fuel	\$ 612.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,344.00	\$ 1,344.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 2,108.74	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,939.40	\$ 3,500.00
General Maintenance	\$ 3,172.68	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,889.96	\$ 5,000.00
Chlorine System	\$ 26,819.62	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 27,989.52	\$ 35,500.00
Lab Supplies	\$ 1,065.75	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 302.40	\$ 800.00
Office Supplies	\$ 3,748.64	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,487.36	\$ 2,500.00
Permit Admin. Fee	\$ 3,749.03	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 9,404.16	\$ 10,000.00
Education	\$ 4,713.61	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,630.00	\$ 5,000.00
Safety	\$ 450.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,235.89	\$ 3,000.00
Sludge Application Fee	\$ 3,638.52	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,993.36	\$ 5,000.00
Sewer Main Maint.	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Testing	\$ 9,575.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,379.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,775.43	\$ 2,000.00
Land	\$ 2,369.71	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,485.24	\$ 3,500.00
Water Sampling	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Professional Services	\$ 7,233.50	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
SRF loan	\$ 13,285.98	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,970.40	\$ 20,000.00
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ 25,424.72	\$ -	\$ 30,456.98
TOTAL	\$ 525,507.37	\$ 602,424.35	\$ 541,725.19	\$ 654,646.25

MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
ESTIMATED REVENUES
PROPOSED BUDGET FYE 12/31/2022

	Actual	Estimated	Proposed
	Prior Year	FYE	FYE
	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	12/31/2022
Sewer Service	\$ 646,382.50		
Property Taxes	\$ 150,109.28		
Specific Ownership	\$ 5,380.39		
Delinquent Tax and			
Interest	\$ 243.70		
Interest Income	\$ 7,463.81		
Miscellaneous	\$ 31,416.56		
Vault Water	\$ 3,104.00		
Grants	\$ 1,843.62		
Connection Fees	\$ 6,500.00		
Property Taxes		\$ 150,660.49	\$ 204,909.40
Specific Ownership			
Tax		\$ 5,751.24	\$ 7,000.00
Delinquent Taxes		\$ (128.26)	\$ 150.00
Tax Interest		\$ 398.52	\$ 300.00
Service Charges		\$ 658,736.40	\$ 669,173.00
Miscellaneous			
Revenue		\$ 38,795.32	\$ 40,000.00
Interest Income		\$ 586.32	\$ 5,000.00
Vault Water		\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
SUBTOTALS		\$ 854,800.03	\$ 931,532.40
Grants & Loans		\$ -	\$ 1,400,000.00
Connection Fees		\$ 13,000.00	\$ 26,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 852,443.86	\$ 867,800.03	\$ 2,357,532.40

2021 Valuation	\$ 21,637,740.00	Mill Levy	9.47	\$ 204,909.40
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**MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
PROPOSED BUDGET FYE 12/31/2022**

Capital Improvements for 2021		Capital Improvements for 2022		
Plant Improvements		Plant Improvements		
Pump	\$ 12,177.00	Building Repair		\$ 1,000,000.00
New electrical for pumps	\$ 6,900.00	Hvac Replacement		\$ 400,000.00
Lights	\$ 5,015.83	with engineering		
		Pumps		\$ 30,000.00
		New Truck		\$ 50,000.00
Plant Miscellaneous		Plant Miscellaneous		
Office Improvements		Office Improvements		
		Printers		\$ 5,500.00
	\$ 24,092.83			\$ 1,485,500.00
	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	12/31/2021	12/31/2022
Capital Improvements	\$ -	\$ 1,313,500.00	\$ 24,092.83	\$ 1,485,500.00

MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT

PROPOSED BUDGET

FYE 12/31/2022

	Actual Prior Year 12/31/2020	Estimated FYE 12/31/2021	Proposed FYE 12/31/2022
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ 997,248.71	\$ 1,061,782.36	\$ 1,095,789.90
REVENUES:			
Service Charges	\$ 646,382.50	\$ 658,736.40	\$ 669,173.00
Property Taxes	\$ 150,109.28	\$ 150,660.49	\$ 204,909.40
Specific Ownership Delinquent Taxes & Interest	\$ 5,380.39	\$ 5,751.24	\$ 7,000.00
Interest	\$ 243.70	\$ 270.26	\$ 450.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 7,463.81	\$ 586.32	\$ 5,000.00
Vault Water	\$ 31,416.56	\$ 38,795.32	\$ 40,000.00
	\$ 3,104.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 844,100.24	\$ 854,800.03	\$ 931,532.40
Connection Fees	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 26,000.00
Grants	\$ 1,843.62	\$ -	\$ 1,400,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 852,443.86	\$ 867,800.03	\$ 2,357,532.40
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 1,849,692.57	\$ 1,929,582.39	\$ 3,453,322.30
EXPENDITURES:			
Plant	\$ 525,507.37	\$ 541,725.19	\$ 654,646.26
Office	\$ 262,402.84	\$ 267,974.47	\$ 276,886.15
SUBTOTAL	\$ 787,910.21	\$ 809,699.66	\$ 931,532.40
Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ 24,092.83	\$ 1,485,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 787,910.21	\$ 833,792.49	\$ 2,417,032.41
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,061,782.36	\$ 1,095,789.90	\$ 1,036,289.89