

**CORTEZ SANITATION DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
2908 SOUTH BROADWAY  
March 16, 2020  
5:30 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER / OPENING PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the District Administrative Office by Board President Ryan Griglak. The Board members present were Ernest Maness, Ryan Griglak, Leroy Roberts, Terri Muller and Scott Story. Also present was District Manager Jan Nelson, Collection Systems Supervisor Jim Webb and Plant Supervisor Peter Hayes. In the audience was:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company/Topic Representing</u>
Cody Barnard	Request for variance at 10196 Hwy 491

**2. REQUEST FOR VARIANCE AT 10196 HIGHWAY 491**

Cody Barnard owns the property at 10194 Highway 491 and is in the process of selling it. During the closing process the District became aware that the property is not connected to the District's main line. District policy states in the Rules and Regulations 9.2.A (Resolution 5 Series 2017) the following:

*All existing Buildings and /or Dwelling Units within the District shall connect to the District's Facilities when such Facilities are capable of furnishing service and when a Sewer Main is available within 400 feet of the property upon which the Building is situated. If this requirement to connect creates an undo hardship on a property owner, they may appeal to the Board of Directors by contacting the District office.*

When Mr. Barnard purchased this property in January 2015 the Rules and Regulations at that time stated the following:

*All existing Buildings and /or Dwelling Units within the District shall connect to the District's Facilities when such Facilities are capable of furnishing service and when a Sewer Main is available within 400 feet of the property upon which the Building is situated; unless such Building is connected to an individual disposal facility that is operating in compliance with all state and county health department requirements and the property upon which the Building is situated is not encumbered with a connection agreement executed pursuant to §9.1 (A)(3).*

Mr. Barnard researched the cost to connect to the sewer main which would entail boring through the 4 lane Highway 491, assuming that the Colorado Department of Transportation would allow the construction. The preliminary cost is \$48,000 plus.

Mr. Barnard is requesting a variance to the current policy because he has a working septic system, the requirement was changed after he had purchased the property and the cost to connect to the main sewer line is prohibitive.

Mr. Story made a motion to approve the requested variance at 10196 Highway 491 due to the septic system predates the District's policy, a current system that is implemented and working, complies with state law and contingent upon an inspection that shows the system and leech field are functioning and/or can be brought to a passing state. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Griglak	Maness	Roberts	Muller	Story
yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

### 3. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

This item is being added as an emergency agenda item. Any actions will be ratified at the April Regular Board Meeting.

Ms. Nelson recommends that due to the current COVID-19 pandemic situation that the office be closed to the public to protect all staff. Arrangements are being made to provide a payment drop box at the gate. Other utilities are closing their offices to the public also.

Mrs. Muller made a motion to close the office to the public. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:


Griglak	Maness	Roberts	Muller	Story
yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

### 4. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Roberts made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Muller seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Griglak	Maness	Roberts	Muller	Story
yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

  
Ernest Maness – Secretary/Treasurer

  
Ryan Griglak - President