

Norwood Water Commission
Tuesday July 14th, 2015-Regular Meeting
Norwood Community Center 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Chairman Mike Morlang called the regular meeting of the Norwood Water Commission to order at 7:00 P.M. The Norwood Water Commission of San Miguel County, State of Colorado, met in regular session at the Norwood Community Center, 1670 Naturita Street, Norwood, Colorado. Those being present were as follows:

Present: Chairman-Mike Morlang, Ron Gabbett, Mike Grafmyer, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen

Staff: Patti Grafmyer-Administrator, Michelle Spor-Secretary, & Tim Lippert-ORC

Absent:

Others:

Review/Consider Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mike Grafmyer to approve the June 9th, 2015 minutes and the updated July 2015 bills and accounts as presented. Finn Kjome seconded the **motion**. **Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Ron Gabbett, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen. **Motion passed.**

Board Member Additions to Agenda:

Motion by Jim Wells to discuss water the leak situation. Finn Kjome seconded the **motion**. **Yes-**Mike Grafmyer, Ron Gabbett, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen. **Motion passed.**

Wells believes we need a procedure on how to handle a water leak in the case that we are not able to contact the homeowner. He would like to see a more planned out procedure as well as an updated contact list believing that it will improve our public image. Kjome agrees to an updated contact list but does not believe it is the NWC's responsibility to get a new phone number if someone has changed it. The board agrees to add a line on the utility bill asking consumers to please give us their updated phone number. Grafmyer suggests adding this to the town website as well. Kjome would like to do the tiered step system, which he believes would be a lot easier to give people a break if they have a water leak. Patti asks Kjome to send her a copy of the tiered system that is used in Mountain Village. The Board agrees to think about adding in a leak adjustment policy and they will reconfigure at the next meeting. Lippert explains the old leak adjustment policy and says it was a case by case basis.

Public Walk-In Period: none

New Business:

Discussion of Replacing Water Meters:

Kjome says it is phenomenal what the new water meters can do and that once the meters read correctly, you actually make more money. Kjome suggests having a rep come in with a presentation of the new technology in water meters. The Board agrees and Lippert says he will set something up with Neptune, our current supplier. Lippert explains that new meters would fit in the old water meter pits so that would not have to be replaced.

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Old Business:

Update on Raw Water Irrigation System:

Patti says that the town board signed the contract with Bikas Water Consultants/SGM. There will be a site walk on July 23rd at 10:00a.m. Participants will all meet at the public works shop. Staff will notice the meeting and then will send out a reminder to the board members.

Approval of 2014 Audit:

Motion by Mike Grafmyer to approve the 2014 audit. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. **Yes**-Mike Grafmyer, Ron Gabbett, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen. **Motion passed.**

Letter from Jason Ward-Hazard Classification Guidance:

Lippert says the inspection went well but Ward wants a reclassification on the Norwood Pond Dam. Grafmyer believes that it will be classified as high hazard dam so he doesn't see the point in spending money to have an engineer come in to tell us the classification. He asks if the NWC owns the dam or if the town of Norwood owns the dam. Patti believes that it was all turned over to NWC, but she will research it to make sure. Kjome says at some point we need to draft an RFP, pick a few people engineers, and run it in the paper so it is publically noticed. He thinks we should contact SGM since we are already working with them in the raw water project. Board agrees to have Lippert contact an engineer just to give us an estimate of how much it would cost. Kjome agrees with classifying the dam as high hazard if the estimate does come back high.

Staff Reports/Announcements

Public Works Director's Report:

Chlorine & Turbidity Reports/Fluoride Report/Submitted.

Lippert says the test results came back. The TOC/RAA reports wouldn't print so he will have it next month. In July they will be pulling MPAs. The health department wants the NWC to have .2 parts per million of chlorine residual by April 2016. Lippert needs clarification on the exact change and may have to file an extension. He is waiting to hear back from Kelly from WestWater Engineering.

In April 2016 the health department is coming out with a storage tank rule. The rule is you have to inspect the storage tanks every year and clean them every 5 years.

Water Production versus Usage:

Lippert reports that from the meters they read, 3.2 million gallons of water was recorded. At the plant, there was a production of 6.1 million gallons of water. They had a backwashing of 800,000 gallons as well as 157,000 gallons of water that is used in the online equipment. Now there is about 2 million gallons of water that is not accounted for.

Lippert does not have a new date for the repair on 45Y.

Board Member Reports: none

Administrative Reports:

Patti hands out the Colorado water plan.

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Adjourn:

Motion by Ron Gabbett to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 P.M. Mike Grafmyer seconded the motion.
Yes- Mike Grafmyer, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Ron Gabbett, Jim Jensen. ***Motion passed.***

Approved:

Approved As Corrected:

Date:

Michelle Spau

8/12/15