

Norwood Water Commission
Tuesday June 9, 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: Jason Ward, Mark Ragsdale

Review/Consider Consent Agenda:

Motion by Ron Gabbett to approve the May 12th, 2015 minutes and the June 2015 bills and accounts as presented. Mike Grafmyer seconded the motion. **Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Ron Gabbett, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen. **Motion passed.**

Board Member Additions to Agenda: none

Public Walk-In Period: none

New Business:

Discussion of Information Letter to Customer:

The Board discusses having a BBQ at the water plant to show the community some of the accomplishments of the NWC. They decide to hold the BBQ on August 14th. The Board agrees writing an upbeat letter to the consumers stating all that has been accomplished would be a helpful tool in setting the record straight. The letter will be sent to the consumers with the next bills. Patti is going to put the letter together and then send it to the board members to have them revise it before sending it out.

Jason Ward-Dam Inspection Report:

Jason Ward inspected the dam and his concern is that a couple of houses may be damaged if the dam failed. He suggests taking the pipes out and leaving it an open channel, as well as every other year inspections, and stepping up some of the maintenance. He does not believe it is a high hazard dam, but recommends retaining an engineer to perform an evaluation. He would like some feedback from the board within a year. Kjome asks if Ward would be willing to talk to the County Commissioners with the board to let them know they should be held accountable for allowing houses to be built below the dam. Ward is going to write a letter to the Commissioner, give a scope of work, list of engineers, and get the drawings from Tim.

Old Business: none

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Staff Reports/Announcements

Public Works Director's Report:

Chlorine & Turbidity Reports/Fluoride Report/Submitted.

Tests came back ok. Lippert reported a water leak on the May 14th. The water was shut off at 145 and 45Y. They checked the plant and there was no outflow from the plant. They are going to take out an entire section of line since they can't find the leak at Cotter's Corner. Lippert says they are going to eliminate the valve to the east. Board discussion on adding a valve to the line facing west, which Lippert explains they are trying to eliminate valves. The board decides to just go with the original plan.

Lippert reports that the water tap was installed at Wargowskis and that we are still on natural flow.

Water Production versus Usage:

67% use and 33% loss. Lippert says the water break had something to do with the loss. Lippert is hoping to fix the leak in the 3rd week of this month.

Board Member Reports:

Finn would like to have a conversation about replacing water meters.

Administrative Reports:

Patti reports that the audit came back. The NWC was \$14000 ahead this year. Next year we will pay off the Berkadia Loan and in 2 more years we will pay off the 2% loan for Reservoir #2. NWC also got \$654 from SMPA. She did send out an email to Tom Feehan to see when we would be hearing from them regarding the raw water irrigation system.

Adjourn:

Motion by Ron Gabbett to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M. Jim Wells seconded the motion. **Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Ron Gabbett, Jim Jensen . **Motion passed.**

Approved:



Approved As Corrected:

Date:

7/15/15