

Norwood Water Commission
Tuesday March 8th, 2016-Regular Meeting
Norwood Community Center 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Chairman-Ron Gabbett called the regular meeting of the Norwood Water Commission to order at 7:00P.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-Ron Gabbett, Mike Grafmyer, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Mike Morlang, Jim Jensen

Staff: Patti Grafmyer-Administrator, Michelle Spor-Secretary

Absent: Tim Lippert

Others:

Review/Consider Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mike Grafmyer to approve the February 9th, 2016 minutes and the March 2016 bills and accounts as presented. Finn Kjome seconded the **motion**. **Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Finn Kjome, Mike Morlang, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen. **Motion passed.**

Board Member Additions to Agenda:

Motion by Finn Kjome to add discussion about water rates under New Business. Mike Grafmyer seconded the **motion**. **Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Finn Kjome, Mike Morlang, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen. **Motion passed.**

Public Walk-In Period: none

New Business:

Discussion of water rates:

Kjome wants to discuss how close the potable water rates are compared to the raw water system rates. Bikas told Kjome that he believes our potable water rates are too low. He thinks we need to raise the rates and start saving up some reserves in order to get projects done. Grafmyer points out that we are an enterprise and a lot of other cities are getting tax dollars. Morlang thinks it is a good idea to research other town and cities water rates and then have a work session regarding this matter. Patti suggests charging the minimum for each use when there are multiple uses in one building. The Board is in agreement to have a work session once they collect all the data and research. Board decides to schedule a work session before the May meeting.

Old Business:

Discussion of Raw Water Presentation:

Kjome states the community wants the raw water system, they just don't want to pay this amount for it. He says if we don't get 150 people on board with it, this project is not going to happen. Patti clarifies that we now have 79 surveys back and only 30 showed up to the meeting. Board is concerned that this project is not going to happen.

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Staff Reports/Announcements

Public Works Director's Report:

Chlorine & Turbidity Reports/Fluoride Report/Submitted.

Tim is sick. Patti reports there was a water leak on Pidgeon drive on February 24.

Water Production versus Usage: none

Not all water meters were read. They got about 75% done.

Board Member Reports: none

Administrative Reports:

Patti talks about the Southwest Invitation held in Durango to speak about the projects we have done. It's on April 1st which is a Friday. The fee will be waived if they are going to be a speaker. Ron says he would like to go, but he will give a definite answer tomorrow.

Patti spoke with Corey Kadrmas from RJH, the company exploring the dam classification. He says the topography around the dam is very flat. They did 2 modules, there is no life lost in the breaches but there is property damage. The computer module shows that the flows start breaking once they hit Gurley drive. Possibly not any property damage after it hits Gurley drive. RJH will come out to conduct the property survey and will give us 2 weeks' notice before they come. In 3 to 4 weeks everything should be done. Corey Kadrmas had been working very closely with Jason Ward, State Dam Inspector. The dam is classified as low hazard and Kadrmas speculated that he did not foresee the classification going to high hazard.

Tim and Patti have been doing some supervisor training through CIRSA. There is training in Montrose for \$149 on June 1 and she was wondering if they were ok with still sending Tim. The Board supports sending Tim and if Patti wants to go, they are in support of sending her too.

Patti reports that about 75% of the water meters were read. They found a meter in Redvale that hasn't been read in 2years. She explains it is protocol that meters are cracked 2 times a year. Patti would like the board to support staff on adjusting the meter reading and not charging the customer anything. Board gives a consensus to support the staff on this paper change out.

Patti states we have a gentleman that is requesting a tap on 44zn and AA Road. We now have the pneumatic system and she is asking the board if this is something they would consider. The Board is ok allowing the tap if he does get the pneumatic system and it has to be for residential purposes only. The tap application will show what his purpose is. Patti also tells the board that this person wants to buy a tap from Mr. Hardman. The Board needs to think about and decide their stipulations. Morlang says he still believes all decisions need to be made on a case by case basis.

Adjourn:

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

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Approved:

Handwritten signature of Mitchell Jensen in cursive script.

Approved As Corrected:

Date:

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