

Norwood Water Commission  
Tuesday May 12, 2015-Regular Meeting  
Norwood Community Center 7:00 P.M.

**Call to Order:**

Vice-Chairman Jim Wells called the regular meeting of the Norwood Water Commission to order at 7:01 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:** Ron Gabbett, Mike Grafmyer, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen

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

**Absent:** Chairman-Mike Morlang

**Others:** Ruth Skelton

**Review/Consider Consent Agenda:**

**Motion** by Finn Kjome to approve the April 14, 2015 minutes and the May 2015 bills and accounts as presented. Ron Gabbett 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:**

Ruth Skelton-Leasing 9 shares of NWC Water:

Skelton asked if she could lease the 9 shares of water that the NWC has for 1 year. Grafmyer explained that the water shares are not for the proposed raw water irrigation system, but for irrigating a piece of property that the NWC owns. Skelton said she was misinformed and thought that the water was not being used.

**Discussion of Water Collaboration Letter:**

The Board discusses how to proceed at the town board meeting, all agreeing that it will be best to just listen to what is presented. Patti suggests a possible work session between the town board and the water commission, inviting Diana Reams and Jackie Carter to clear up the incorrect assumptions. Lippert clarifies that Norwood is not out of water. Through the winter, the water plant runs approximately 18 to 25% of capacity and the summer increases to approximately 36%. The infrastructure ending at Sutherlins is only 3 inch and according to Rules and Regulations it can't be anything less than 6 inch, which means that the water line would have to be replaced clear back to Farmer's Water shop. An engineer would also have to be brought in by the possible consumers to determine how feasible this project would be, which would then have to be reviewed by the NWC's engineer. Lippert reports that the two waters could not be mixed due to Nucla using chlorine to treat their water and Norwood using chloramines.

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**Old Business:**

**Raw Water Irrigation:**

Patti did some research and the NWC is to be notified by CWCB and it will tell us who to contact. She does believe it is prudent to get an RFP together. Kjome asks if they want to go through an RFP process or justify a waiver of quote, which seems like a faster and simpler process. Patti says she doesn't see why they couldn't do the waiver of quote, as long as the other board agrees.

**Staff Reports/Announcements**

**Public Works Director's Report:**

Chlorine & Turbidity Reports/Fluoride Report/Submitted.

Lippert states that everything is going to be electronic starting June 15. They have had a little trouble already with the forms on the TOC's. He usually figures the alkalinity numbers himself, but with the new portal system, only test results directly from the lab are allowed to be put on the reports. This means that for the last 3 months, the reports do not show any alkalinity test results.

The natural flow ran 6 days and then they shut it down so it would go to storage. Mark Ragsdale came and reviewed what they did and he was fine with it.

Lippert reports that they had a water line repair on Hwy. 145 and Il.1 Road in Redvale. The glued fittings were leaking and they fixed it with mechanical joints. They still have some clean up to do around the water line repair, such as fixing the fence and dirt work, and claim they will continue with that in the near future.

The dam inspector came and looked at the dam, Lippert states that he would like to be put on the agenda for next month. The inspector said they had done a good job maintaining it; they just need to clean up the willows and he didn't like the outfall which is 2- 10 inch pieces of pipe, he would rather it be an open channel.

Repair on Y43 road is scheduled for the May 19<sup>th</sup> but may have to be moved back until Lippert is fully released from his surgery. He says that they are just going to replace the whole pipe due to having a problem determining the actual cause and location of the leak.

**Water Production versus Usage:**

Master meter at water treatment plant- 4.11mg

Water meter totals-2.83 mg

Total- 1.28 mg

Lippert says that this would include the leak in Redvale and the Y43 leak could be contributing to these numbers. The meters might also not be accurate.

**Board Member Reports: none**

**Administrative Reports:**

Patti asks when Ron and Finn can meet and go over the personnel policy. They agree on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m.

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**Adjourn:**

**Motion** by Mike Grafmyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. Ron Gabbett seconded the motion.  
**Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Ron Gabbett, Jim Jensen. ***Motion passed.***

**Approved:**



**Approved As Corrected:**

**Date:**

6/10/15