

Norwood Water Commission
Tuesday January 10th, 2017-Regular Meeting
Norwood Community Center 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Vice-Chairman-Finn Kjome called the regular meeting of the Norwood Water Commission to order at 7:04P.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: Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Mike Grafmyer, Mike Morlang, Jim Jensen

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

Absent: Chairman-Ron Gabbett

Others: Clay Wadman, Elizabeth Stuffings

Review/Consider Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mike Grafmyer to approve the December 13th, 2016 minutes and the January 2017 bills and accounts as presented. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. **Yes-** Jim Wells, Mike Grafmyer, Jim Jensen, Mike Morlang. **Motion passed.** Grafmyer wants to know if we budgeted enough money for water testing. Lippert explains we really won't know the answer to that until the end of the year but there is nothing that can be done.

Board Member Additions to Agenda:

Wells wants to talk about Raw Water easements. Board says it will be discussed in the Raw Water Update.

Public Walk-In Period:

New Business:

Appointment of Chairman-Town:

Motion by Mike Grafmyer to appoint Finn Kjome as the new Chairman. Mike Morlang seconded the **motion**. **Yes-** Jim Wells, Mike Grafmyer, Jim Jensen, Mike Morlang. **Motion passed.**

Appointment of Vice-Chairman-Rural:

Motion by Jim Wells to appoint Jim Jensen as the new Vice-Chairman. Mike Morlang seconded the **motion**. **Yes-** Jim Wells, Mike Grafmyer, Jim Jensen, Mike Morlang. **Motion passed.**

Old Business:

Clay Wadman-Update on Raw Water Sales and DOLA Application:

Wadman explains that he would like the Board of Trustees to pass a motion approving the DOLA application the following evening at their Board Meeting. He would also like to have a work session with the town board and the water board before the application has to be turned in by the end of the month. Wadman asks the board what they think about large volume taps such as for the county or the school. His recommendation is to charge \$5000 for the tap and then metering the water. He also has ideas to increase volume of funds such as: low volume taps at \$1500, which consist of main street businesses

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that really don't have much watering to do. The tap would be a ¾ inch tap instead of a 1 inch. Clays other idea is to offer a bulk discount. For example if someone buys taps in bulk such as more than 10, they will get a discount. He says the main point is that even though they won't be making much money off of the sale of taps, they will still be getting the \$150 annual fee. Board does support Wadman trying to sell the low volume taps for lower price, but they are not in favor of the tiered tap fees going as low as \$131. Clay would like the board to make a motion not to lease the 119 shares of water. Kjome says he doesn't think the board needs to make a motion, explaining this was already their intention.

Stuffings hands out the DOLA application. She explains the 4 main selling points. 1. The main one is how it benefits the water treatment plant, most importantly reducing demand. 2. It will shore up Norwood's municipal water security. 3. It will increase property values and increase the tax base. 4. It will allow the county to install empty conduit for broadband into the open raw water trenches. The application will be going to Ken by Thursday to look over and to gain feedback. Grafmyer does not like how it says defer the need for plant expansion. He is more concerned with EPA regulations. Patti comments that Ken asked for that to be put in the application. He said that they need to show how this impacts the water treatment plant. The Board needs to go through this application and give feedback before February 1st.

Wells wants to know if they are going put perimeter boundaries on who can buy a tap, and is there a limit on the amount of water that they can use? Grafmyer says that it cannot be an unlimited amount of water. He says it has to go by what the feasibility study determined. Board agrees there will have to be some controlled devices put into place.

Wells wants to talk about the easements with Raymond Snyder. He says we have a public relations problem over the paper water tap. The board says they solved that problem with the pneumatic system. Grafmyer says we should just use the easement on the other side of the fence and save the \$6000 dollars.

Staff Reports/Announcements

Public Works Director's Report:

Lippert submitted all the testing. One test in the BOC's came in a little high and it's a herbicide that is not even in our area so they will have to test for it quarterly. Lippert is going to contact someone to figure out how this can happen. Kjome and Grafmyer think its something that we are putting in the water that is not coming back out. Lippert thinks it could just be a contaminated sample from the lab. The samples for TTHMS and HAA5s came back without even being detected which is below the rule. Lippert believes that due to the number of leaks and flushing of the lines on Coventry may have had something to do with the lack of chemicals in the samples that they took. Morlang suggests sampling like we used to and see what kind results we get back. Lippert states they just got the new monitoring schedule.

Water Production versus Usage:

Lippert reports there is a leak at the Norwood Inn. If the owner doesn't fix the leak soon then Lippert will just hire someone to fix it and the owner will be responsible. They did a verbal contact and now they will send a written letter to the owner.

On the 7th there was a leak at a frost free hydrant at a customer's residence. One of the guys broke off the shut off valve. They had to repair that and the water line. They will clean up the rest of the leak today.

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Board Member Reports:

none

Administrative Reports:

Patti says we have interviews on Thursday and Monday for the 3rd employee. She would like to get a totalizer for Gardner Springs that Mark Ragsdale recommended. Board agrees. There is a larger report from RJH if they want to look at it. She says we really need to oppose any building that is going on below the dam because that could potentially change our low hazard status. She will write a letter to the county explaining this.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mike Grafmyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:48P.M. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. **Yes**-Mike Grafmyer, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen, Mike Morlang. **Motion passed.**

Approved:

Approved As Corrected:

Date:



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