

Norwood Water Commission
Tuesday October 9th, 2018-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, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen, Finn Kjome, John Owens

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

Absent:

Others: Candy Meehan, Nancy Heim, Lucinda Carr

Review/Consider Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mike Grafmyer to approve the September 11th, 2018 minutes and October 2018 bills and accounts as presented. Finn Kjome seconded the **motion**. **Yes**-Mike Grafmyer, Jim Wells, Finn Kjome, Jim Jensen, John Owens. **Motion passed.**

Board Member Additions to Agenda:

none

Public Walk-In Period:

Lucinda Carr and Nancy Heim are here to ask a few questions. Heim asks "What is the mission of the NWC?" Grafmyer states to provide quality water in an economic way. She asks "What is the job of the water board?" Grafmyer states their job is to run the water commission and to ensure quality water is made and to oversee the employees. She asks "If the NWC is overseeing the Raw Water Project?" The Board explains that the Town oversees the Raw Water but the NWC will manage it and the water shares are owned by the NWC.

New Business:

Decision of Engineering Firm Services Regarding the Due Diligence 202 and 203.

Kjome reports that he talked to Bikas and their billing rate is \$188 an hour.

Motion by Finn Kjome to contract with Bikas Water a division of SGM for due diligence 202 and 203. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. Discussion: Board would like to put a cap on the engineering. Kjome is comfortable with \$6000 which would be around 30 hours of work. Kjome amends his **motion** to contract with Bikas Water a division of SGM for due diligence 202 and 203 with a cap of \$6000. Jim Wells seconds the amended **motion**. **Yes**-Mike Grafmyer, Jim Wells, Finn Kjome, Jim Jensen, John Owens. **Motion passed.**

Old Business:

Drought Plan:

Lippert states that the last pond run ran for 7 days. They are hopeful there will be another one around the first of November. He worked closely with Farmers Water to fill the reservoirs as much as they

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could but had to be careful from stirring the water up due to the reservoirs being low. They were putting out 5 million gallons a day and they still held back the 300 acre feet. Lippert states we are still pulling some water from the 214 water right.

Discussion of Master Plan-Update:

Patti states they have a proposal from SGM in their packet. Louis said that technology has changed so much since the previous master plan that we need to rethink it. Lippert didn't get a chance to talk to Steve from WestWater. As soon as they get the proposal from Westwater, Patti will send it out. Kjome would like to research where they can get funding for a new master plan. Patti states we could go to DOLA for a mapping grant which she believes is \$25000, however it is matching funds. Louis also mentioned CWCB might have some funding available.

Patti says we will get an amended scope to Westwater in order to compare the proposals.

Patti also says there is a workshop with DOLA in Montrose on the 24th regarding funding that she plans on attending.

Gabbett says Louis is very instrumental on how to get money for these sorts of projects and it would be worth talking to him about.

Motion by Mike Grafmyer to table the discussion of the master plan update to the November meeting. John Owens seconded the **motion**. **Yes**-Mike Grafmyer, Jim Wells, Finn Kjome, Jim Jensen, John Owens.

Motion passed.

Staff Reports/Announcements

Public Works Director's Report:

New water remote system has been installed.

There were two water line breaks this month. They did finish cleaning up the repair at Snyders.

Gabbett and Lippert attended the seminar in Nucla which he thought was very beneficial.

They do have a model to test TTHMs and he will update the board when they receive it.

Kjome asks if we are going to be done with meters before it gets much colder. Lippert says probably not, Pioneer Village has to be completely shut down to change out the meters. The larger meters have not been changed out yet either.

Chlorine & Turbidity Reports/Fluoride Report/Submitted:

Lippert states he received all of our water tests. They completed the last LT2 ecoli sample required. TTHMs came in high this month which he anticipated. He said we are ok this time but came in just barely within the requirement. They had to keep chlorine residuals high due to the drought and low quality of water. Lead and copper tests came back and are all at safe levels. Copper was a little higher which was expected.

Water Production versus Usage:

80% accountable

Board Member Reports:

Administration Reports:

Patti says they do have the handout for the Watershed coalition. She just wanted them to be aware of the time and date.

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The 2019 Budget has not been completed yet, but she will get it to them by the end of the week or by Monday. The biggest thing is she wants the board to support her in recommending Michelle go full time. Other than that a few small step raises for some employees. Revenues are about the same which she was pleasantly surprised due to the drought.

Before the November meeting, they will have the Budget work session.

Adjourn:

Motion by John Owens to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. Mike Grafmyer seconded the **motion**.

Yes- Mike Grafmyer, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen, Finn Kjome, John Owens. **Motion passed.**

Approved:

Approved As Corrected:

Date:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Jensen". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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