

Norwood Water Commission  
Tuesday April 11th, 2017-Regular Meeting  
Norwood Community Center 7:00 P.M.

**Call to Order:**

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

**Staff:** Patti Grafmyer-Administrator, Tim Lippert-ORC

**Absent:** Michelle Jensen

**Others:** John Fahnestock, Goedele Vanhille

**Review/Consider Consent Agenda:**

**Motion** by Mike Grafmyer to approve the March 14th, 2017 minutes and the April 2017 bills and accounts as presented. Mike Morlang seconded the **motion**. **Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Jim Jensen, Ron Gabbett, Jim Wells, Mike Morlang. **Motion passed.**

**Board Member Additions to Agenda:**

Kjome would like to talk about attending the Southwest Annual Meeting.

**Motion** by Mike Grafmyer to add Discussion about the Southwest Annual Meeting to the agenda under Board Member Reports. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. **Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Jim Jensen, Ron Gabbett, Jim Wells, Mike Morlang. **Motion passed.**

**Motion** by Jim Wells to add the DOLA grant application presentation to the agenda under Old Business. Mike Morlang seconded the **motion**. **Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Jim Jensen, Ron Gabbett, Jim Wells, Mike Morlang. **Motion passed.**

**Public Walk-In Period:**

**New Business:**

**Old Business:**

Discussion Continued Regarding Customers Responsibility for Current and Past Water Line Repairs: Grafmyer points out that if the NWC changes the Rules and Regulations they will also be responsible for the installation. Gabbett believes the customer should still be responsible for the installation but not for water line repairs from the meter to the main line. Kjome has not changed his mind since the last meeting, he does not want to change the Rules and Regulations. Board decides to rewrite the Rules and Regulations that the NWC will take over responsibility of the water line from the meter to the main, but the customer is still responsible for the cost of installation of the entire line to the main. Vanhille expresses that she is definitely in favor of the change in Rules and Regulations.

**Motion** by Jim Wells to allow staff to change the wording in Rules and Regulations back to the NWC being responsible for the service line from main line to the curb stop or property line. Jim Jensen

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seconded the **motion. Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Jim Jensen, Ron Gabbett, Jim Wells, Mike Morlang. **Motion passed.**

The Board discusses the second part of this, which was refunding the 4 previous customers who had leaks and had to pay for the repairs. Kjome expresses his opinion that he is not in favor of it. Mike Grafmyer recuses himself due to being 1 of the 4 customers who had to pay for a repair. Vanhille has no comment on this matter. Wadman states he was in favor of the first motion and believes that the board is in a tough spot regarding this second matter.

**Motion** by Jim Wells to continue this discussion to the May meeting. Mike Morlang seconded the **motion. Yes-** Jim Jensen, Ron Gabbett, Jim Wells, Mike Morlang. **Motion passed.**

Discussion Continued Regarding Amending Rules & Regulations 10.1-Multiple Uses:

Patti explains that where they left off was trying to decide between potential multiple uses or actual uses on 1 water tap and also should each use get their own 1000 gallons of water. Patti clarifies for the public that this new rule is just for existing customers that already have multiple uses in place. Any new customers wanting to have multiple uses will be required to purchase more meters and purchase a PIF.

**Motion** by Mike Grafmyer to allow staff to amend R & R 10.1 to cover multiple uses on 1 tap for existing customers to be reviewed by the Board. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion. Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Jim Jensen, Ron Gabbett, Jim Wells, Mike Morlang. **Motion passed.**

Long-Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule:

Lippert reports that last month he received a letter stating they didn't have to test for MPA's anymore. More recently he found out that they will now have to start testing for Ecoli in the raw water every two weeks for a year. Lippert will have a plan submitted by June. The sampling will start in October of 2017 and end in September 2018. The samples will be collected from the raw water entering the water treatment plant. Patti suggests we start calling labs right away and get on their list to have the samples tested.

Raw Water-DOLA Presentation:

Wells explains that DOLA condensed their whole application into two pages and in those two pages they also sent a list of questions that they were going to ask them. Wells read one of the questions, which is asking if they would be ok with receiving partial funding. He is asking the board for direction on what to say? He knows that they really can't go through with just partial funding, but he is afraid that DOLA will be offended if he says no. Kjome suggests that if we only get partial funding we could take it but not spend it, he says we can always give it back. Board decides best answer would be that we would accept this as beginning funding and this sets the stage for a phased project.

### **Staff Reports/Announcements**

#### **Public Works Director's Report:**

Chlorine & Turbidity Reports/Fluoride Report/Submitted:

Lippert states that all reports came back really well. TTHM's were around 64. They repaired the valve box on 44ZN/145. He says the ground water just keeps eating away the bolts on the valve box, so they are going to move the valve box to the north out of the aquifer. Lippert reports to date they have already installed 98 meters.

#### **Water Production versus Usage:**

They have done two elite repairs already on the main line, so production should go down quite a bit. 80% accountability

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**Board Member Reports:**

Kjome states that he attended the Southwest annual meeting this year. He said they had great speakers and they learned a lot about how the severance tax for the mining oil and gas is distributed throughout the state. It's a very convoluted funding and he now understands why there is a lag of 2 years.

**Administrative Reports:**

Patti reports to the Board that we do have Creighton Wood working on the computer for the water cards at the potable water dispenser trying to make more information available to our customers, such as how much money is left on the card. The CCR's will go out with the utility bills this month and we are almost set up with CIPA to start accepting credit cards. We will also be upgrading our Caselle program later this year which may require another module.

**Adjourn:**

**Motion** by Mike Grafmyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:32P.M. Mike Morlang seconded the **motion**.  
**Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen. ***Motion passed.***

**Approved:**

**Approved As Corrected:**

**Date:**



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