

Norwood Water Commission  
Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021-Regular Meeting  
Norwood Community Center 7:00 P.M.

**Call to Order:**

Finn Kjome called the regular meeting of the Norwood Water Commission to order at 7:06P.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, Vice Chairman – Ron Gabbett, Jim Wells, John Owens, Jim Jensen, Mike Grafmyer

**Staff:** Patti Grafmyer-Administrator, Shawntel Darby-Turner - Secretary and Tim Lippert - ORC

**Absent:**

**Others:** Ray Cossey, Cimmy Alexander, Brent Alexander and via Zoom – David Haight

**Review/Consent Agenda:**

There was a **Motion** by Mike Grafmyer to approve the May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup> minutes and May 2021 bills and accounts as presented. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

**Executive Session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and/or instruction to negotiators under C.R.S. Section 24.6.402(4)(e).**

Jim Wells made a **motion** to go into Executive Session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiation; and/or instruction to negotiators under C.R.S. Section 24.6.402(4)(e) at 7:10p. John Owens seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

The time is now 7:22pm, and the executive session has been concluded. For the record if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state your concerns for the record.

There were no concerns stated.

**Board Member Additions to Agenda:**

Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to add staff direction for the NWC attorney regarding negotiations to the agenda under old business. Ron Gabbett seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

Finn Kjome made a **motion** to add a work session discussion regarding workforce housing with David Bruce to the agenda under Board Member Reports. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

**Public Walk-In Period:**

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Cimmy Alexander discussed the water shack payment process. She feels the process is not set up well as it does not go instantly on to the water shack card. She also feels the water shack itself is not user friendly, wastes water, needs removal of signage she says tells you it takes cash and credit cards, and the Folgers can needs removal as well.

Brent Alexander states that he has a floating tap they had wanted to connect to their property several years ago, but they were denied. He was wondering, since it has been years, if they could attach it yet. Mike Grafmyer stated that they may be able to do a drip tap. Finn Kjome suggested they discuss it with Tim and go from there.

#### New Business:

#### Old Business:

- a) **Review Thorneycroft Transfer Application – Lot 2 Skalla Subdivision #3 Northwest Corner**  
Tim states that they now know that there is 2-inch Class 200 PVC pipe in the ground and that it is over 2000 feet. He verified that it was definitely there and that we do not own it. Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to continue the Thorneycroft Transfer Application discussion in the next NWC meeting. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**
  
- b) **Staff Direction for NWC Attorney Regarding Negotiations**  
Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to direct staff to write a letter to the NWC attorney to give direction that no further action regard the objection to the Redvale well permits at this time. Ron Gabbett seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**

#### Staff Reports/Announcements

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

Tim Lippert states that the raw water reservoir is almost full with the 25<sup>th</sup> being the projected last day.

Tim says the computer at the Water Shack has been messing up. It is really old. The system has even added money to Water Shack accounts instead of subtracted when they have come to get water. This computer is running on Vista. It needs to be replaced.

Tim says that the valves were put in at the Redvale locations and that they installed two more flushing hydrants.

1. **Chlorine & Turbidity Reports/Fluoride Report/Submitted:**  
TOC's are not back yet but the rest of the reports are good.
  
2. **Water Production versus Usage:**

##### b) **Board Member Reports:**

1. **Work Session Discussion Regarding Workforce Housing with David Bruce**

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Finn Kjome feels David Bruce needs a work session, so he has asked that the NWC Board think about a day and a time that works for everybody. There is an apparent perception in the community that we shouldn't sell water taps right now because of the dry conditions. Finn would like to discuss how to address this with the public, so they understand how it all comes together. Patti Grafmyer said she would look at the calendar.

**Administration Reports:**

Patti Grafmyer informed the NWC Board that Tim Lippert has given a retirement date. Patti passed around the updated job description and advised that it may require us to split the position between two people.

Patti presented the MLS listing for the old Tucker property. She stated that they have it advertised as development property for a potential of approximately 100 units with application in process. The NWC does not have an application for this property.

Patti discussed the Water Conservation and Drought Plan with the NWC Board. At this time there are still no restrictions, and the general consensus is that there does not seem to be the need to restrict anything at this time. We are in "dry conditions" so we will continue to encourage conservation with NWC customers watering before 9am and after 5pm on the proper designated calendar day. The Water Dispensary customers will continue to be allowed to purchase no more than 5,000 gallons within 30 days.

Patti passed along that Candy Meehan would like to thank the NWC Board for providing the \$135.00 worth of food for the Wright's Mesa Water Appreciation Day event.

Patti provided a small list of contract operators to the NWC Board which cover southwestern and western Colorado.

**Adjourn:**

**Motion** by Ron Gabbett to adjourn the meeting 8:21P.M. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

Approved:



Approved As Corrected:

Date:

7/14/21