

Norwood Water Commission
Tuesday March 9th, 2020-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 7:04P.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: **Chairman** – Finn Kjome, **Vice Chairman** – Ron Gabbett, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen, Mike Grafmyer

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

Absent: John Owen

Others: Mallory Hiss – CRWA, Sherri Reeder, Paul Hempel - CRWA

Review/Consent Agenda:

There was a **Motion** by Ron Gabbett to approve the February 9th minutes and March 2021 bills and accounts as presented. Jim Jenson seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

Board Member Additions to Agenda:

Public Walk-In Period:

New Business:

a) Public Hearing-Monthly Rate Increase

Sherri Reeder asked what the rate increase was for. Finn Kjome explained how the costs have gone up.

1. Public Comment

Sherri asked how much we were adjusting the rates. Patti Grafmyer explained that it would be \$1 on the monthly minimum and \$1 on the monthly Right to Serve fee. Sherri said that we had her support.

2. Board Decision

Ron Gabbett made a **motion** to increase the monthly minimum \$1, making it \$26 per month, and increase the Right to Serve fee \$1, making it \$6 per month. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

b) Water Treatment Plant Designation – 349 gpm

According to Tim, last summer the health department classified us as a Class A water plant. Tim asked them about that. They told him that he needed to send them information regarding the population and production numbers if he wanted to have the plant reclassified as a Class B

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water plant. He did send the information. They accepted it and reclassified our water plant as Class B.

Old Business:

a) Paul Hempel, CRWA – Source Water Final Draft

Paul discussed the Source Water Final Draft. He said that they usually provide a public document for the public to look at and a private one can be requested by the county. He states that there is a focus on community education and outreach materials. He showed us some signage that he said we are welcome to as we can have 7 of them for free. Everyone seems to be satisfied with the final draft.

b) Candy Meehan – Article Representing Norwood Water Commission

Candy Meehan was unable to attend.

Staff Reports/Announcements

a) Public Works Director's Report:

-Tim states that he is really happy with the 2 employees we have now.

-Mike Grafmyer asked about ACM Excavation and asked how many helped with the water break repairs. Tim explained how many helped for the first break as well as how many helped with the second break. Patti followed up with asking if our pump had been repaired and Tim says that it has been.

1. Chlorine & Turbidity Reports/Fluoride Report/Submitted:

Tim stated that the tests have been submitted and they are fine. He says he is getting better at submitting them electronically.

2. Water Production versus Usage:

We can account for 88% of the water. With the water breaks, we had to remove about 8 inches of rock. During the second break, we realized the original pipe was made to match the rock shelf along with finding the bells that blew out.

b) Board Member Reports:

1. FWDC – Annual Meeting

Jim Wells attended the Farmer's Water Development Company annual meeting. It was held at the fairgrounds this year. Lothan, Snyder, and Trosper were retained on the board. The repairs on the dam still cannot happen as they are still waiting for their engineer. They are going to see if they can get an exemption. It looks like the irrigation season will be short this year, like last year.

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Administration Reports:

-Patti Grafmyer stated that Lacy Harris would like letters of support. NWC will provide letter of support for SWCD. FWDC is working with WEEDC to get the USDA grant.

-If Senate Bill 21-034 passes the water suppliers would charge a 25 cents per 1,000 gallons of drinking water delivered per month in excess of the first 4,000 gallons delivered to each individual metered connection that would go to the State of Colorado for water resource financing enterprise. It would take a long time to implement. Not sure we would be able to use it. If it passes, we will have to implement it anyway. The general consensus is against this.

-Patti asked that the board consider closing Town Hall on Fridays with the contingency that someone be on call. Ron Gabbett made a **motion** to close Town Hall on Fridays with someone on call. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion carried**.

-The board wants the attorney to file an opposition for the in stream flow. Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to oppose the in stream flow. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

Adjourn:

Motion by Jim Wells to adjourn the meeting 8:20P.M. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

Approved:



Approved As Corrected:

Date:

4/13/21