

Norwood Water Commission  
Tuesday May 11<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 7:03P.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, Pamela Barrett, Bryan Batten, Jeff Donaldson, Jimmy Poole, Susan Maynes, and via Zoom – Brenden Forrest and David Bruce – Telluride Foundation.

**Review/Consent Agenda:**

There was a **Motion** by Mike Grafmyer to approve the April 13<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup> minutes and May 2021 bills and accounts as presented. John Owens seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**

**Board Member Additions to Agenda:**

There was a **Motion** by Mike Grafmyer to add Fitts Subdivision to Board Member Reports. John Owens seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**

**Public Walk-In Period:**

**New Business:**

a) **David Bruce-Introduction to Affordable Workforce Housing**

David Bruce introduced Rural Homes for the Workforce. Their mission is to build affordably geared toward workforce salaries. He explained how they are approaching the cost of building homes in order to bring down costs for rural areas like Norwood. They just finished a Phase 1 Environmental Survey and are moving forward with more due diligence. They are looking at the land south of the Lone Cone Library which would hold 20 units that would be deed restricted and income limited.

b) **Brendan Forrest-Request for a Letter to Division 4 Water Resources to Obtain Well Permit Lot #20 Hillside Development #1**

After discussing Brenden Forrest's request, Jim Wells **motioned** to continue this discussion until the next Norwood Water Commission meeting. Mike Grafmyer seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion Passed.**

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c) Approval of Due Diligence on River Filing

The Approval of Due Diligence on the River Filing has been filed. There was a **motion** by Mike Grafmyer to ratify and approve case number 2014-38. Ron Gabbett seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

d) Jimmy Poole-Request to Move Redvale Paper Tap

Jimmy Poole discussed his two vacant lots in Redvale. His paper tap is attached to the physical property located at 35701 Highway 145. He requested approval to move the paper tap to his property located at Il 10 Road, Block 30 Lots 20 through 24. Ron Gabbett made a **motion** to move the physical address of the paper tap from 35701 Highway 145, Redvale, Colorado to Il 10 Road Block 30 Lots 20 through 24, Redvale, Colorado. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

Old Business:

a) The Ratification of Objection Letter Sent 04/26/21

Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to ratify the Objection Letter sent April 26, 2021, regarding the Ray Cossey wells in Redvale, Colorado. John Owens seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

b) Ray Cossey - Discussion

Ray Cossey stated that he had questions. He feels the responses he received were flawed. Finn Kjome explained that the State responded, and the interpretations were already made. Ray said wants an open discussion regarding the legal definition of the Norwood Water Commission. The general consensus of the NWC Board is that more research is needed.

c) Jeff Donaldson-38774 Highway 145, Redvale

Jeff Donaldson has requested a larger line to service additional lots and possible future customers at 38774 Highway 145 in Redvale. Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** that the Norwood Water Commission allow Jeff Donaldson to tie into the mainline at the highway and install a 6-inch valve and go underneath the highway with a 6-inch pipe. Jeff Donaldson will own the infrastructure until such time that the Norwood Water Commission takes it over and he will work on getting a utilities easement for NWC before we take over. John Owens seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

Staff Reports/Announcements

a) Public Works Director's Report:

Finn Kjome asked how we were doing on our reservoir. Tim stated that we were getting low but we are doing ok.

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Tim discussed the water break on May 2<sup>nd</sup> on Norwood Hill. He also discussed the water break on May 6<sup>th</sup> regarding a leak in the Lone Cone ditch.

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, they blew a 2-inch line out where they placed the flushing hydrants. They hydrovaccated the 6-inch line as well.

Mike Grafmyer asked about the Eades' line. Tim stated that they aren't noticing anything different at this time and they will change out the filters to see where we are at. Tim also explained that the filters that were sent in for testing were not out of range for what is required. It is suspect that there is a fitting somewhere that we have not found yet.

1. **Chlorine & Turbidity Reports/Fluoride Report/Submitted:**  
All the tests are back and look good.

2. **Water Production versus Usage:**  
We were able to account for 85% of our water.

**b) Board Member Reports:**

Regarding the Fitts Subdivision, Finn Kjome asked why we would make the Thorneycroft's put in equipment that would regulate whether the tap opens or flows as he realized that was not going to work. It only works at the top of the water line in the low-pressure area. He wondered if we could tap the 10-inch line, run out into the county road and run it up into the Fitts Subdivision isolating the pressure issues. He suggested we discuss it with SGM. Patti Grafmyer asked if he was looking at the possibly running the line the full length of Spruce Drive. Finn said he does not know enough about that up there so he doesn't know.

Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to have Finn explore the idea of a pressure pump station by the blue tank to service Fitts Subdivision. Ron Gabbett seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

**Administration Reports:**

Patti Grafmyer discussed the Water Conservation Drought Plan. We are currently running at dry conditions. She would like the NWC Board to go through the current plan and make edits. We will discuss it in the next meeting.

We have new materials for the website from CRWA-Paul Hemphill to help people through conservation.

Candy Meehan wanted Patti to remind the Board of the Water Appreciation Day on June 5<sup>th</sup> and would like someone from the Norwood Water Commission to come speak and give information.

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**Adjourn:**

**Motion** by John Owens to adjourn the meeting 8:43P.M. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

**Approved:**

**Approved As Corrected:**

**Date:**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott R. Dwyer - Turner". The signature is written in a cursive style.

6/8/21