

Norwood Water Commission
Tuesday November 9th, 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 7:01P.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, **Vice Chairman** – Ron Gabbett, Jim Wells, John Owens, and Jim Jensen

Staff: Shawntel Darby-Turner – Secretary and Randy Harris – ORC

Absent: Patti Grafmyer-Administrator, Jeff Donaldson, Pamela Barrett and Mike Grafmyer

Others: Candy Meehan, Jimmy Poole, Ray Cossey

Via Zoom – Unknown Person-Participant 296, Tony and Barclay Daranyi

Review/Consent Agenda:

There was a **Motion** by Jim Jensen to approve the October 12th minutes and November 2021 bills and accounts as presented. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

Board Member Additions to Agenda:

Public Walk-In Period:

Candy Meehan has been working with some organizations trying to find a way for all of our organizations to work together toward realizing our water projects. We have an opportunity to get 75/25 matching grant through the CWCB for a planning grant. She has a Memorandum of Understanding she would like to show us. The deadline for the grant is December 1st. She asks if we are willing to have a work session with her next week. She is securing funds for the 25%. She will forward the Memorandum of Understanding to Shawny so she can send it out to the NWC Board. After discussion, a tentative plan for Monday, November 15th at 7:00pm was scheduled for the work session.

Tony and Barclay Daranyi live on County Road 43ZN. They are interested in pursuing getting town water brought up to their property. Due to not having a thorough understanding of the infrastructure and concerns regarding the size of the lines in that area, Finn Kjome suggested they spend some time working with and discussing it with staff to better understand and for them to put something in writing to present it to the Water Commission.

New Business:

- a) Jeff Donaldson – Discussion Regarding Installation of Conduit.

Jeff Donaldson was not present.

Old Business:

a) **Ray Cossey, Pamela Barrett and Jimmy Poole – Water Line Proposal**

Ray Cossey and Jimmy Poole would like to share the same water line but go to two different properties. Finn Kjome is concerned on the Water Commission's responsibilities, especially down the road should the properties sell. Ray states that they want to run a 2-inch line across the Gurley Ditch and then run two 1- inch service lines to each of their parcels. Everything that they would be doing is being done within an easement that is already there. Finn states that they can use the same trench but still use two water lines. Ray felt he and Jimmy were doing the same thing as Jeff Donaldson. Finn explained that the project over the summer (Jeff Donaldson's property) was done by putting in a full-on main line extension under the road, that permission was obtained and was agreed upon before it was done, that the Norwood Water Commission would eventually take it over as a main line extension. With this project, Ray and Jimmy are asking to do a variance to the regulations, do a separate line that they will make it aware that they are the only ones that are ever going to have to maintain this and that the Water Commission will not need to worry about it. However, Finn feels that 30 years from now, Ray and Jimmy won't be there or maybe one of them wants to subdivide, and that's just going to muddy the waters. He is not comfortable with them sharing just one service line. Finn is still stuck where he has always been – that everyone's address should have their own service line. Jim Jensen and Jim Wells both agreed that there should definitely be two different taps. Ray explained that he thought that what he and Jimmy were proposing was the same as what Jeff Donaldson was doing. Finn explained that what Jeff Donaldson had done was that the line from the mainline to the other side of the highway, where it stayed in the state highway, we agreed to take that over. He thought there were two neighbors working together, putting some extra valves in, and at least two more that were maybe interested in water and that is why we thought it would be worth him putting it all in and us taking it over once it's done and Randy says it's ready. Finn also explained that if the other neighbors wanted water that they would have to come down to that mainline and tap in. Finn further explains that we would want to better understand the easement documents before we got more involved. Ray asked if his letter was acceptable, if he and Jimmy released the NWC of liability if they go do go ahead. Finn says he is still more comfortable with separate taps. The NWC Board would like to more clarification on the Donaldson project as well the easement documents before making a decision on this project.

Staff Reports/Announcements

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

Randy Harris states that he and Patti have been talking about the rules and regulations. They would like to make a couple of changes. They want to have meter pit installation clarified. They took the meter pits out under number 8 as we no longer use them. Finn said to revisit that.

Randy asked for direction on the Reeds meter pit that Hank Williams is working on as it doesn't drain to daylight and there's no curb stop. Finn says that for now he would not let anyone bury it until it is correct.

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

2. **Water Production versus Usage:**

Randy Harris is still learning how to figure out our water production numbers versus our usage. He knows our production has been cut down as what we have currently produced is at least 2/3 less than what we were doing in September due to the water break. Both reservoirs are down a foot right now but we are getting close to a quarter foot of water right now due to the rain.

b) **Board Member Reports:**

Administration Reports:

Adjourn:

Motion by Ron Gabbett to adjourn the meeting at 8:37P.M. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. All voted yes. **Motion passed.**

Approved:

Approved As Corrected:

Date:



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