

Norwood Water Commission
Monday July 12th, 2022- Regular Meeting
Norwood Community Center 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Ron Gabbett 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** – Ron Gabbett, Jim Wells, Mike Grafmyer and Jim Jensen

Staff: Patti Grafmyer – Administrator, Shawntel Darby-Turner – Secretary and Randy Harris – ORC

Absent: John Owens

Others: Ross Dupuis, David Royer, Ray Cossey, Ricky Klement, Michael Klement, Reagan Tuttle and Andrea Hill

Via Zoom – Vice Chairman – Finn Kjome

Review/Consent Agenda:

There was a **Motion** by Mike Grafmyer to approve the June 13th, 2022 minutes and the July 2022 bills and accounts as presented. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Board Member Additions to Agenda:

Public Walk-In Period:

David Royer came to speak regarding SMWCD. He states that they are reluctant due to justifying the condition of the water rights. He also states that Sheep Mountain Alliance is opposed to the water rights. Southwestern has been in a very costly lawsuit which may be why SMWCD may a bit gun shy.

Ray Cossey was wondering if we had a plan for water lines in targeted areas and if so, what are they? Mike Grafmyer stated that it was in the Master Plan and that we are actively looking for money for the projects. Patti Grafmyer said she would be glad to send Ray a copy of the Master Plan.

Ross Dupuis was curious what active pursuits were being made regarding procuring money for projects. Patti Grafmyer explained what we were actively pursuing, and Mike Grafmyer explained that there was still another vote that has to occur at the state level before we can pursue some of the monies IF they become available in 2023.

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New Business:

- a) **Ricky Klement – Application for New Water Service at 439 Ragsdale Road, Norwood**
Ricky Klement would like to purchase a water tap so he can build a “caretaker’s unit” on his property. The NWC Board discussed the possibility of being able to bring water to Ricky’s property. Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to accept the water tap application providing the engineering proves it is feasible to do so. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes.**
Motion passed.

Old Business:

- a) **Discussion of Water Supply Adequacy by SGM Draft**
Patti Grafmyer states that she had not thought about it before but that our reservoirs had not been taken into consideration the amount of water purchased. She discussed this with the Board. Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to table this discussion until the next meeting. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Staff Reports/Announcements

- a) **Public Works Director’s Report**
Randy Harris states that Filter Tech came for quarterly calibrations, installed a new turbidimeter and a new chlorine probe. CenturyLink got back with him regarding fixing the phone line for alarm. Samples came back good. They topped off the reservoirs a couple weeks ago. Pinion Park water lines are now installed, and pressure tested. Production is at 7.5 million gallons. We are waiting on 3 fire hydrants that will be installed this week and we will need to pressure test those. We met with the state dam inspector. There were a few concerns and cleanup that needs to happen. Overall, the inspection was satisfactory. Jim Wells about what needs to be done to the floating barge. Randy reported that to date, we have purchased 145-acre feet from Farmer’s Water Development Company.

Jim Wells asked about the Eades filter. Randy states that it came back the same. Randy feels that the Coventry tank is due for cleaning so maybe that will help. They flush the hydrants once a week but nothing much comes out.

- b) **Board Members Reports**

1. Usage of Raw Water Discussion

Jim Jensen asked for the usage of Raw Water discussion as he states that he does not recall the NWC Board decision regarding Pinion Park. Patti Grafmyer explained that she asked the Board for direction on what Pinion Park could use for dust mitigation and compaction. Patti gave a copy of Finn’s discussion on April 5th. Finn was not comfortable with giving a lower rate for potable water but felt ok with Pinion Park using raw water. As soon as Jenny Russell called Patti called Randy and the Raw Water card for Pinion Park was immediately taken out of the system. Patti also called Division 4 to follow up. Pinion Park used 37,000 gallons of Raw Water.

- c) **Administrative Reports**

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Patti Grafmyer gave an update on a new system for cisterns approved by the state health department to the Board. She asked if the NWC Board would consider using the new system as we may have an application coming that may require one down the road. Randy was asked to check into it further. He said he would investigate and bring back his findings.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mike Grafmyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:58P.M, Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

Approved:

Approved As Corrected:

Date:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Patti Grafmyer", written over a circular stamp or mark.

8/17/22