

Norwood Water Commission
Tuesday October 10th, 2023- 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 7:00P.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** – Tony Daranyi, Brad Campbell, Mike Grafmyer, Ray Cossey and Richard Nelson

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

Absent:

Others:

Via Zoom –

Review/Consent Agenda:

There was a **Motion** by Mike Grafmyer to approve the September 12th, 2023, minutes and the October 2023 bills and accounts with additions. Ray Cossey seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Board Member Additions to Agenda:

Motion made by Mike Grafmyer to add a discussion regarding grant writer position under Board Member Reports. Tony Daranyi seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Motion made by Tony Daranyi to add formalizing the top three capital improvements to Board Member Reports. Brad Campbell seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Public Walk-In Period:

New Business:

Old Business:

a) Discussion Regarding System Upgrades

The NWC Board asked if Randy Harris needed anything. Randy stated that it was in the Sanitary Survey Report.

b) Bids for Redvale Upgrade/Loop

Finn Kjome gave a background summary for the new members, so they knew what the project being bid on was for. Randy Harris gave the Board updates and discussed the bids. **Motion** was made by Mike Grafmyer to accept Estimate #145 from Souther Brothers Construction pending Randy Harris investigating pricing for HDPE pipe and if it is no more than 10% higher than the bid or lower then go with it. Tony Daranyi seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**

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Staff Reports/Announcements

a) Public Works Director's Report

Randy Harris let the Board know that production had come down quite a bit at 5.3 million gallons. We have received the FWDC billing and we have used 214 acre-feet. October 20th will be our pond run to top off the reservoir. We have not received the engineering report for Craig Greager's property yet.

Randy gave an overview of the sanitary survey and discussed it with the Board. All violations but the chlorine analyzer have been taken care of already. He is looking into a new total chlorine analyzer and cost of installation as chlorine must be digitally recorded and monitored. He is also discussing this with Filter Tech.

The fluoride system needs to be completely overhauled. However, Randy asked the Board if we could remove the system altogether due to the fact that we are getting the recommended healthy dose at .5 parts per million naturally already. **Motion** made by Ray Cossey to remove the fluoride system altogether. Brad Campbell seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

Randy gave an update on the cistern design. He has concerns regarding the CLA valve regarding the maintenance involved. SGM recommends a two gallons per minute flow rate. He found the Dole valve which is essentially zero maintenance and would likely be there for life. **Motion** made by Brad Campbell to switch to the Dole valve. Ray Cossey seconded the **motion**. Tony Daranyi **abstained** from voting due to the fact that he is currently installing the cistern system. The other **five members** of the NWC Board voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

The NWC Board asked Randy to think about what his needs are for the upcoming year since we are discussing the 2024 budget. He mentioned that one of the tanks should have a mixer and mentioned dealing with the vents on the tanks as they are currently on the top and need to be changed. He will bring specifications and more information for next month's meeting.

b) Board Members Reports

1. Discussion Regarding Grant Writer Position

Finn Kjome gave updates on our current grant application and how things are going with Lauren Kirn. The NWC Board general consensus is that while Lauren is out on maternity leave that we continue and stay with Katherine at SGM until she is back. Candy Meehan has gotten ahold of Deanna Sherrif regarding the grant writing position.

2. Formalizing the Top Three Capital Improvements

After the NWC Board discussed capital improvements, they prioritized the following:

- Raw Water:
1. Reservoirs #3 and #4
 2. Shoring up existing water rights
 3. San Miguel River Project
 4. Conversations with FWDC

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- Potable Water: 1. New transmission line
a) The existing redundant line
b) The loop into Norwood
2. System Deficiencies

c) Administrative Reports

1. Presentation of 2024 Budget

Patti Grafmyer presented the draft budget for 2024 to the NWC Board for review and discussion. She let the Board know that she would be retiring at the end of the year. She gave her recommendations and suggested some rates based on usage for a rate increase in billing. A work session is scheduled prior to next month's meeting to further discuss the budget.

Adjourn:

Motion by Brad Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 9:16P.M. Mike Grafmyer seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

Approved:



Approved As Corrected:

Date:

11/14/23