

NORWOOD WATER COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes For: Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Budget Work Session starting at: 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting starting at: 7:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION:

A work session was held prior to the regular meeting regarding the Draft 2025 Budget.

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Norwood Water Commission, Town of Norwood, San Miguel County, and State of Colorado was called to order by Tony Daranyi at 7:00 pm.

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

CHAIRMAN – TONY DARANYI- **PRESENT**

FINN KJOME- **PRESENT**

RAY COSSEY- **ABSENT**

RYAN HOWE- **PRESENT**

BRAD CAMPBELL- **ABSENT**

JENNY RUSSELL- **PRESENT**

STAFF ATTENDANCE:

INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR – AMANDA PIERCE- **PRESENT**

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR – RANDY HARRIS- **PRESENT**

BILLING CLERK/BOARD SECRETARY – SHAWNY DARBY- **ABSENT**

OTHER ATTENDANCE: Those in person were asked to sign in on the sign-in sheet. Kerry Welch and Nancy Willis via Zoom. Scot Romaine in person.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Scot Romaine stated that he had a very large water leak at his residence. He wanted to come talk to the board about having to make payments since the bill was going to be so large. Him and his wife were under the impression that the leak was at their business not their residence since the call came to their business phone number so it took longer to find the leak than anticipated and he apologized for that. The leak is now fixed. The board stated that he could come back next month and discuss leak forgiveness per their policies.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. **Minutes of October 8, 2024**

b. **October Bills and Accounts**

MOTION: Finn Kjome made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

- a. Ryan Howe seconded.
- b. Discussion: None
- c. All approved. Motion Passed.

BOARD BUSINESS:

a. **Floride Update**

Norwood Water Commission received a letter regarding from EPA and San Miguel County regarding fluoride in water. Randy Harris stated that he is not currently adding additional fluoride in the water since there is natural fluoride in the water already and our levels are sufficient for the requirements.

b. **Nicole Garrimone – Campagna’s Update Regarding Private Donations – Ryan Howe**

Since the attorney did not have concerns for starting a separate private donation fund, the board discussed how they could start marketing the fund. It was important to be transparent about what the fund will be used for so they wanted to come up with a narrative that they all agreed on. Also, market

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how much their goal is to raise for the fund and why and how the money will be used. A policy will need to be put into place that states how they move, use and provide funds from the community. Ryan said he would send out a google link that everyone can put their ideas and adjust their thoughts about the program.

c. Water Capacity Tech Assistance Grant Update – Jenny Russell

There is another round of updates and budgets coming out for CWCB and we should hear soon about those funding opportunities.

d. Redundant Line Grant Update

Jenny Russell will follow up with Catherine to see where we are at and what is needed.

e. Meeting Time Change Discussion Update

After discussion the board came to the consensus to change the meeting to 6:30pm going forward unless otherwise stated when scheduling a special meeting.

f. Energy Efficiency Grant Update/Approval – Tony Daranyi/Jenny Russell

Looking at the idea of putting solar panels on reservoirs. Will continue to discuss as it comes up and as information comes out more.

g. Press Release: No Lead in Pipes

The board discussed putting out a press release about not having lead in the pipes after the lead and copper inventory was complete. However, the board decided it was best to put a small blurb on the next bills stating that out of the 10 samples taken throughout town all were negative for lead, since we couldn't guarantee that customer service lines didn't have lead.

h. Approval of 2025 DRAFT Budget

A work session for budget is scheduled for November 26th @ 6:30pm to further discuss the draft budget.

STAFF REPORTS:

- **Public Works Director, Randy Harris** – Working on winterizing buildings and equipment. Had a water break recently, very shallow line on solid bedrock. Discussion on how opening up fire hydrants causing hammering of the lines and it was explained until we get HDPE pipping, it would continue to be an issue for breaks. Replaced the heater at the water treatment plant. We used 199 acre feet this year from Farmers Water which was less than years before. Randy's first year we used 270 acre feet but also taking into account that we now have raw water and also fixing leaks recently.
- **Interim Administrator, Amanda Pierce** – Brief update on the rate study, Scott Thomas has all the information he needs for the study and is putting in the data. Amanda gave an update the new email domains had been set up and Jason LaFlamme would be contacting board members to get their emails set up on their devices and answer any questions that may come up by board members.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Finn Kjome made a motion to adjourn.

- a. Jenny Russell seconded.
- b. All others approved. Motion Passed.

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DATE APPROVED: