

Norwood Water Commission
Tuesday April 11th, 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 7:01P.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, Brad Campbell, Mike Grafmyer and Jim Jensen

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

Absent: Jim Wells and **Vice Chairman** – Ron Gabbett

Others: Brent and Cimmy Alexander, Monty Spor, Ross Dupuis, Edward Jensen, Tony Darany, and Ray Cossey

Via Zoom –

Review/Consent Agenda:

There was a **Motion** by Mike Grafmyer to approve the March 14th, 2023, minutes and the April 2023 bills and accounts with additions. Brad Campbell seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Board Member Additions to Agenda:

Public Walk-In Period:

New Business:

- a) Application for Billing Transfer Upon Sale of Uninstalled Tap – Kirk Alexander to MT Nest Revocable Trust (Brent and Cimmaron Alexander)*

There was a **motion** by Mike Grafmyer to approve the uninstalled tap transfer upon sale from Kirk Alexander to MT Revocable Trust (Brent and Cimmaron Alexander). Brad Campbell seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Brent Alexander asked the NWC Board to consider making an exception for waiving the \$3000 transfer fee as this tap is an inheritance from his grandfather Kirk Alexander. Also, when they originally approached the Board, the tap was not able to be transferred to them without a property to attach it to and there was no transfer fee back then. Patti Grafmyer attested to the fact that there was no property to attach it to originally. Jim Jensen feels that this is a family deal and feels that an exception could be made.

Jim Jensen made a **motion** to waive the \$3000 Transfer Fee due to the tap being transferred from Alexander to Alexander. Brad Campbell seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**

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b) Application for New Water Service at 1564 County Road 44 Z N – MT Nest Revocable Trust (Brent and Cimmaron Alexander)

Randy Harris presented the NWC Board with his recommendation which is hereunto attached.

There was a **motion** by Mike Grafmyer to approve the Application for New Water Service to MT Revocable Trust (Brent and Cimmaron Alexander) at 1564 County Road 44 Z N with the new state approved cistern design with the recommended modifications necessary to bring it to current specifications. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

c) Monty Spor – Discission of Possible Mainline Extension on County Road 39.00, Redvale

Monty Spor will be back with a mainline extension application. He wanted clarification on the rules and regulations so he could do Ellen Bradley's mainline extension. He noted that there was also a potential of 7 water taps on 39.00 Road. He also asked if it would be beneficial to install a fire hydrant instead of the flushing hydrant. Mike Grafmyer explained that we don't offer fire hydrants outside of Town of Norwood limits.

Old Business:

a) Update on FWDC Annual Meeting – Brad Campbell

Brad Campbell states that there are a lot of happy ranchers due to all the snow. It looks like a great summer for water. Past repairs are done. The only concerns are about how fast the water will come down.

Staff Reports/Announcements

a) Public Works Director's Report

Randy Harris states that it has been a busy month with breaks and repairs. We found 2 leaks out by the water plant, one by 45 Y and Y43 intersection, one was the valve and then just east of that there's a vault that used to have equipment there that eventually rubbed a hole in the line. Both of those have been fixed. The most recent one was 43Z from a previous "band aide" repair, it split the length of the pipe. We have replaced PRVs in Redvale and Coventry. We received a call today about another leak on the highway across from the county shop. It's a small leak and we will take care of it tomorrow morning. After all of the repairs, our production has been cut just about in half.

Randy attended his first water conference in Loveland, Colorado for Colorado Rural Water. He learned a lot and made a lot of new connections. It was very informative. He also let the Board know that while he was gone there was another water break and that it was all on the other public works guys that took care of it. Monty Spor also took a moment to speak up saying that he would be getting some lights to help keep his guys safe as one of his guys was almost taken out while helping with this same break.

b) Board Members Reports

c) Administrative Reports

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Patti Grafmyer discussed the water shack rates with the NWC Board. She said that \$72.50 per 5,000 gallons of water would be the rate we were looking at and that Randy Harris would calibrate at the water shack. Randy Harris took a moment to let the Board know that at the water conference they are predicting water to double over the next 5 years due to costs.

Patti was contacted by Elysa Barron who has applied for a well permit and asked for a letter from us that explains that we do not oppose it due to not being able to serve her as there is no infrastructure available for her property. Patti asked for direction. Finn Kjome said to go ahead and write the letter.

Mike Grafmyer suggested we discuss raising the number of gallons for the water shack over the summer since we have extra water coming in this year.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mike Grafmyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:36P.M. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

Approved:



Approved As Corrected:

Date:

5/9/23