

Norwood Water Commission
Tuesday February 10, 2015-Regular Meeting
Norwood Community Center 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Chairman Mike Morlang called the regular meeting of the Norwood Water Commission to order at 7:00 P.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 Mike Morlang, Ron Gabbett, Mike Grafmyer, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells

Staff: Patti Grafmyer-Administrator, Michelle Spor-Secretary, & Tim Lippert-ORC

Absent: none

Others: Raymond and Phyllis Snyder, John Fahnestock

Review/Consider Consent Agenda:

Motion by Finn Kjome to approve the January 13, 2015 minutes and the February bills and accounts as presented. Mike Grafmyer seconded the motion. **Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Ron Gabbett, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells. **Motion passed.**

Patti informed the board that Berkadia will be paid off next year.

Board Member Additions to Agenda: none

Public Walk-In Period: none

New Business:

- 1) Board acknowledged the resignation made by Mark Muniz
- 2) Raymond Snyder regarding installation of water tap on CR 43 ZS-
Raymond Snyder informed the board that the well water on CR 43 ZS is too bad to treat and was hoping to install a tap to the house. They currently have a tap on hand and would like it to be installed at this location. Snyder explains the tap water will be strictly for household use, the well water will be used for watering the lawn and other outside uses. Wells states that it is a concern that the line already has low pressure. Lippert explains that adding another tap will affect the water pressure to houses above. Board discussion. Snyder asks about putting a small tank under the house. Grafmyer states that putting a tank under the house is illegal. Lippert talks about a cistern and how the quality of the water can become compromised. 107 pounds of pressure lost from Hwy. 145 to Cline Residence according to Lippert. Grafmyer suggests to Snyder to hire an engineer to make sure it won't affect the houses above. Snyder states that he does not want to hire an engineer and that he believes adding a tap will not affect the water pressure very much. Lippert states that water volume will be decreased and explains the master plan for the future to Snyder, which would relieve the problems that occur with the pressure as

of now. Phyllis Snyder asks if it is possible to install the tap they currently own where water is available. Patti states yes that was part of the agreement. Finn Kjome discusses if this situation is much different than the situation on the airport road. Board discussion followed. Patti asks about the pneumatic system and how it works. Lippert says it may work but doesn't know for sure. Kjome suggests doing some research to see if they can help. Lippert says he heard of something similar to this happening in Castle Rock and agrees to do some research.

- 3) Rec. District request of waiver of transfer fees for the Livery-
Wells explains the Rec. District is taking over the Livery and the Blue house and is asking that the deposit and transfer fees be waived. Rec. District is hoping to keep all of the ACE programs going as well as adding yoga, Zumba, etc. Patti Grafmyer states that it is a one-time fee of \$200 for 2 taps, and that she foresees the Rec. District keeping the bills current. Patti also states that ACE did not pay deposits when they took over from owner Curtis Odom. Kjome expresses his concern to the board about always giving handouts and waiving fees as the NWC is supposed to be run like a business, however he does support this. Gabbett explains to Kjome that in a small community such as this, we do what we can to help each other out. Mike Grafmyer motions to waive the fees. Finn Kjome seconds the motion. Yes by all. **Motion passed**

- 4) John Fahnestock regarding rules and regulation of customer maintenance of service line-
John Fahnestock was very surprised he was strapped with the bill for his 3rd water leak in 10 years. He says that crimping or freezing the line just weakens the line and he is worried about a break in the future, which he is now responsible for repairing. Fahnestock says he wasn't aware of this change to the rules and regulations, and states that he believes it should be made public. Patti Grafmyer states that the rules and regulations are on the town website for the public to view. John says he is not asking for money, although a little help would be appreciated, but would like to be made aware of changes in the rules and regulations. Patti explains that it was all done at public meetings and that they can put a notice again on the website. She states that many things were changed in the rules and regulations and it is difficult to address all of the changes individually on the website. Fahnestock asks if the board would mind if he wrote a letter to the paper discussing this issue. The board says they encourage people to write letters to the newspaper. Gabbett explains why they made it the consumer's responsibility. Kjome states that most towns operate this way and that you seldom see the water line from the meter to the main line being the town's responsibility. He gives an example of a similar situation in Ski Ranches and how it was the consumer's responsibility.

- 5) FWDC Annual meeting Voting Proxy-
Jim Wells volunteers to attend the FWDC annual meet to vote the shares, but explains he has to give an update. Board discussion of water projects to include in the update.

Old Business: none

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Staff Reports/Announcements

Public Works Director's Report:

1) Chlorine & Turbidity Reports/Fluoride Report/Submitted. Tim Lippert informed the Board that all of the monthly reports have been submitted to CDPHE.

Lippert explains the changes about how the results of the reports go to a database and the results are figured for you. Lippert had to send a prepopulated lab report directly to their portal. The lab finishes the summary sheet and then sends it to a portal. Lab wanted to start this process 4th quarter 2014, but failed to let everyone know. Lippert states that it is taking some time to learn this new process and that he will report back to the board instructions on the process so they can access the portal themselves.

2) Water Production versus Usage

Lippert states master meter was just put in and the number will be available for the next meeting. Lippert also states they got an offer on the backhoe for \$2000 as is. The Board suggests selling the backhoe. Lippert recalibrated the water shack to 80.6 gallons per dollar.

Lippert states Roy Collier passed his class B water test and says he would like to compensate him somehow as this is a great accomplishment. Wells asks if Collier is due for a raise. Patti states he just got past his 6 month evaluation. Board suggests paying for his test fees. Lippert would like to pay for his testing and his fuel to get to and from Denver. Board agrees to just let Lippert and Patti handle this.

Board Member Reports:

Kjome asks if anybody is going to the CWCB meeting. He also states that he thinks it is important somebody go to the meeting. Patti states she will follow up with April on that matter.

Administrative Reports:

Patti hands out a packet to Gabbett and Kjome. It is a mixture of the prior personnel policy and also the county's personnel policy.

Adjourn:

Motion by Ron Gabbett to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. Mike Grafmyer seconded the motion. **Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Ron Gabbett. **Motion passed.**

Approved:



Approved As Corrected:

Date:

3/10/15