

Norwood Water Commission
Tuesday August 14th, 2018-Regular Meeting
Norwood Community Center 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Chairman-Ron Gabbett called the regular meeting of the Norwood Water Commission to order at 7:02P.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, Mike Grafmyer, Jim Wells, John Owens, Finn Kjome

Staff: Patti Grafmyer-Administrator, Michelle Jensen, Tim Lippert-ORC

Absent: Jim Jensen

Others: Jenny Russell, Ross Dupuis, Wilton Barrett, Lucinda Carr, Nancy Heim, Kathy Graaff, Kristen Noonan

Review/Consider Consent Agenda:

Motion by Finn Kjome to approve the July 10th, 2018 minutes and August 2018 bills and accounts as presented. John Owens seconded the **motion**. **Yes**-Mike Grafmyer, Jim Wells, John Owens, Finn Kjome.
Motion passed.

Board Member Additions to Agenda:

Gabbett would like to talk about our zone of service area in a work session just prior to our next meeting

Public Walk-In Period:

Jenny Russell is here to talk about the drought plan.

New Business:

Old Business:

Drought Plan:

Jenny Russell attended the meeting last month. She states that she asked the board to please shut down the water shack in that meeting. She has brought more information to this meeting to show statistics of the impact of the drought. She says the water commission cannot predict the future, but she says the water commission's legal duty is to supply water to their customers and that there needs to be a plan, which needs to start by shutting the water dispenser station off. Russell states that the people who use the water shack can use or buy water from Reams in Naturita. Wilton Barrett states that as of right now we have 7 years' worth of water in the Gurley Reservoir. Gabbett states that the amount of water the water shack puts out is about the production of 1 day per month at the treatment plant. Shutting down the water shack would only save 12 days of water for an entire year. Kristen Noonan states that as a community we are growing and she believes that water commission needs to take this into consideration and plan for it. Grafmyer states we have 300 acre feet of water ahead of us at all times in the Gurley Reservoir, even ahead of the shareholders. Kjome also states that we have a water right in the river. Although it will cost a lot to pump it out of the river, it's still an option that we have kept in

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case of dire situations. Kjome says he is not at the point of turning the water shack off but he is willing to limit it more. Wells states that Farmers water has always looked into the Water Commissions needs and they take very seriously the water they provide to us. He believes we are in a lot better shape than a lot of municipalities. He also believes that shutting the water shack is not saving enough water to justify.

Jenny states there is a lot of money out there right now to apply for funding, but we need staff to apply for these grants. Jenny suggests sharing the 5 year plan to the public.

Motion by Finn Kjome to restrict the water shack users to 3000 gallons a month. Jim Wells seconded the motion. Grafmyer wants to know why we are restricting it even more. Jim Wells says that it just ensures less people are actually using it for their lawn and garden. Finn Kjome amends his motion to 3500 gallons a month. Jim Wells seconds the amended motion. **Yes-Mike Grafmyer, Jim Wells, John Owens, Finn Kjome. Motion passed.**

Short Recess-8:09

Back in session at 8:11.

Discussion of Water Filing 202 and 203:

Kjome would like to contact Bikas just to get a few numbers, but he would still like to file on it. Patti suggests contacting our attorney first. Tabled until the September meeting.

Motion by Mike Grafmyer to table the Discussion of Water Filing 202 and 203 until the September meeting. Finn Kjome seconded the **motion** . **Yes-Mike Grafmyer, Jim Wells, John Owens, Finn Kjome. Motion passed.**

Staff Reports/Announcements

Public Works Director's Report:

Lippert reports that the tests came back alright. Because of our lack of water, the water is becoming more difficult to treat. The library tap has been installed. The pump in reservoir 2 went out, so they did have to replace that one. There was a water break was on the 8th of this month.

Regarding the splash pad, Lippert states we shut off our supply of water and that Reams donated and hauled water to the splash pad. It was running 350 to 400 gallons of water in a 6 hour day. It will now only be available for us on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday.

We are experiencing dirty water in Redvale, so we are having customers flush their lines. Lippert believes it may be from the last water break where it drained the blue tank.

We currently have a water tap application for Zachary Jacobs, which is where DL Williams used to live. They have revamped the cabin and the new owners want to buy a water tap to service the cabin. Lippert states the pressures are good and it is possible to install a new tap at that location or pay another plant investment fee with tying into this line.

Chlorine & Turbidity Reports/Fluoride Report/Submitted:

Water Production versus Usage:

Board Member Reports:

Administration Reports:

Patti states in the email she sent out there was an estimate for a belt clip for the reads. She said we can consider it this year. Kjome says buy it this year.

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Motion by Finn Kjome to approve the purchase of the belt clip, handheld and charging cradle. Jim wells seconded the **motion**. Lippert explains the process of using this device. **Yes**-Mike Grafmyer, Jim Wells, John Owens, Finn Kjome. **Motion passed.**

The 2 town positions are up so they need to reapply with a written letter by Sept 6th. The raw water contract has been amended due to many comments that came back. Most people were upset with the language about not paying the user fee and the tap becoming null and void. Patti changed some of the wording. The invoice for the yearly fee will be sent out prior to April 1. She would like the board to take it home and have a look at it. The Town Board has instructed the contract be sent to the town attorney to be reviewed.

Adjourn:

Motion by Finn Kjome to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. Mike Grafmyer seconded the **motion**. **Yes**-Mike Grafmyer, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen, John Owens. **Motion passed.**

Approved:



Approved As Corrected:

Date:

