

Norwood Water Commission  
Tuesday July 10th, 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 7:00P.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-Ron Gabbett, Mike Grafmyer, Jim Jensen, Jim Wells, John Owens, Finn Kjome

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

**Absent:**

**Others:** Linda Soucie, Jenny Russell

**Review/Consider Consent Agenda:**

**Motion** by John Owens to approve the June 12th, 2018 minutes and July 2018 bills and accounts as presented. Mike Grafmyer seconded the **motion**. **Yes**-Mike Grafmyer, Jim Jensen, Jim Wells, John Owens, Finn Kjome. **Motion passed.**

**Board Member Additions to Agenda:**

**Public Walk-In Period:**

Jenny Russell is in attendance to discuss the drought plan.

**New Business:**

Linda Soucie: Leak at 1267 44ZN:

Linda Soucie would like to discuss the leak at her house. The Soucie's currently don't live at their house but do have tenants. Upon receiving a call from Michelle about a high usage in water, Soucie called her tenant who found the leak and fixed it immediately. It was an old galvanized pipe down by the barn so she would like to split the difference with the water commission. Grafmyer states we quit doing leak adjustments 10 years ago. Soucie explains that it was a line that wasn't being used and hasn't been used in quite some time. Wells explains that we used to make leak adjustments before we had the capability to read meters due to the fact that many leaks went undetected. Gabbett explains that they are going to have to turn her down due to the updated rules and regulations. Soucie says she will pay it but it will not be all at once, she will need to make payments. The water board understands this and agree to not charge any penalties.

**Discussion of Water Filing:**

Pete Foster would like to meet with the board to discuss the due diligence before it is filed. Patti says it doesn't have to be a formal meeting; it could just be a phone conversation. Kjome is not a fan of this water right because it really hasn't given us any water, it's typically dry. Board would like to think about this topic for the next month to decide if they want to meet with Pete or get a different engineer.

Tabled until the August meeting.

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**Old Business:**

**Drought Plan:**

Lippert explains that water usage has gone down substantially. We are mostly back in our winter flows. Most people have complied with water restrictions with the exception of a few. Lippert states what we currently have in our reservoirs will last 5 to 6 months. If the drought continues to be an issue, we still have water in the Gurley that we can put a call on. Wells states that some of the articles in the newspaper made it sound really alarming. It made it sound like we only had 4 months left. Jenny Russell is concerned with all the customers using the water shack. They don't pay a plant investment fee, and she believes that our responsibility is to the customers that are actually on our system. She believes there may come a time that we need to think about cutting the water shack off. Grafmyer explains we have already limited the water shack, and that we will limit it more if we need to. Wells states that we have already made it clear that the water shack is not a reliable water source. Kjome was not at the previous meeting and was wondering why the board didn't take the water shack down to 4000 gallons. The board responded that they didn't want to limit it that much at once and they could limit it again if they needed to. Patti states we have around 15% people that still have high usages. She says we will go through them and we will contact these people. Patti wants to know what the next step is with the customer if they continue to water after being contacted? Board states if the customer continues to disobey the drought plan, we will shut off their water. Kjome believes they have to consider this on a case by case basis due to some customers using a little more water for livestock. Board would like to table this to the August meeting.

**CDPHE Violation:**

Lippert states the LT2 sample was missed. He couldn't find it, so he double sampled and sent it in. He didn't have to write a letter or anything, just as long as he has the 24 samples that he needs by the end of the term.

**Staff Reports/Announcements**

**Public Works Director's Report:**

Kjome asks if we are ready to take on 214 water right. Lippert states yes we are capable however he doesn't believe there is any to take on.

**Chlorine & Turbidity Reports/Fluoride Report/Submitted:**

We were under in TTHM's. The moss problem came back but seems to be under control. Grafmyer asks how much water the splash pad used in 3 days. Lippert says it ran 3 days but we have had a few issues with it and it had to be shut down. There was a slight leak at the float, which they repaired. The water usage on Thursday was 380 gallons, Friday-980, Saturday-1510. Lippert says we don't have enough data as of yet to really estimate how much water is going to be used. Jake from splash zone will be here on Tuesday to go over the system and figure out what is going on. Lippert states as of today it has used 1900 gallons of water. Patti says we are thinking about cutting it back to a couple days a week. Kjome does not feel good about the splash pad being on, even if it doesn't use much water, its still using more water than the customers receiving letters about their excessive usage. Gabbett thinks we need more data. Kjome wants to collect data and run the splash pad until Jake gets here and addresses the issues. **Motion** by Finn Kjome to run the splash pad until they have all the components working properly, once the splash pad is operating correctly, the Norwood Water Commission will no longer provide water while the drought conditions are in place. Mike Grafmyer seconded the motion. Discussion was that there did not need to be an email except for informational purposes, the splash pad was strictly to be

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shut off until further notice. The board could revisit this subject at next month's meeting if we had received adequate rain storms. **Yes**-Mike Grafmyer, Jim Jensen, John Owens, Finn Kjome. **No**-Jim Wells.  
**Motion passed.**

**Water Production versus Usage:**

88%-Lippert believes our backwash reader is not accurate. Next month he is going to manually calculate it.

**Board Member Reports:**

**Administration Reports:**

Jeff Donaldson purchased a lot in Redvale that would require a main line extension. He is requesting a letter from NWC stating they are not opposed to him getting a well permit. Grafmyer is wondering how much it would cost to put in a main line extension. Grafmyer states we just told Tom Jensen that he had to pay for a main line extension. Board says we need to give him the facts, that it would cost approximately \$6000 for a main line extension plus the \$12000 for tap. He can weigh the costs of digging a well or purchasing a water tap.

Kjome states we can write a letter saying we are not opposed to him getting a well but he says we should educate him so he knows his options which could increase the value of his property.

**Adjourn:**

**Motion** by Mike Grafmyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 P.M. John Owens seconded the **motion**. **Yes**-Mike Grafmyer, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen, Finn Kjome, John Owens. **Motion passed.**

**Approved:**



**Approved As Corrected:**

**Date:**

