

Norwood Water Commission
Tuesday September 13th, 2016-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 7:04P.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, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen

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

Absent: Mike Morlang

Others: Clay Wadman, Elizabeth Stuffings, Candace Kjome

Review/Consider Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mike Grafmyer to approve the August 9th, 2016 minutes and the September 2016 bills and accounts as presented. Finn Kjome seconded the **motion**. **Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells. **Motion passed.**

Board Member Additions to Agenda: none

Motion by Finn Kjome to move Old Business in front of New Business. Mike Grafmyer seconded the **motion**. **Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells. **Motion passed.**

Public Walk-In Period:

New Business:

Memo from Mike Rozycki Regarding Cisterns:

Rozycki has submitted two applications regarding water sources and is requesting input from the NWC. The first request was for a water card to a future home on Hastings Mesa. Kjome is not in support of this and believes that Hastings Mesa is outside of our service area. He does not want to allow the first application.

Motion by Finn Kjome that the NWC does not support supplying water to consumers living on Hastings Mesa due to this being outside of our service area. Mike Grafmyer seconded the **motion**. Jensen wants to know where they are going to draw the line in terms of service area. Board agrees that eventually they are going to have to determine exact locations for service area. **Yes-**Mike Grafmyer, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen. **Motion passed.**

Board still agrees that the letter concerning the water shack should stay the same simply because nothing has changed.

Old Business:

Clay Wadman with NLGG:

1. Presentation of SWD Grant Application
Elizabeth Stuffings presents the SWD Grant Application to the Board. It consists of the main application as well as some exhibits. Stuffings did leave out the feasibility study and some

maps, that will actually be included in application presented to the SWD. In the application she is trying to show the positive impact the raw water project is going to be for the Town of Norwood, as well as letters of support from the town of Telluride and San Miguel County. Gabbett wants to know what resources she has used with the Food Hub. She explains it has just been through a conversation, which he suggests they may be looking for more information other than just a conversation. Page 2, Item 7, Stuffings asks if she can use Finns name in the application. Board agrees yes. Board would like the sentence about the river water right taken out or rewritten to other water right and remove the word expensive.

2. Request for matching outreach funds for 2016 of \$2500

Clay reports that April has spearheaded a grant for \$10000. \$5000 of it is set up for a scholarship fund for senior citizens, and the other \$5000 will go towards expenses such as grant writing. Wadman states that a bank account will be set up the following day at US Bank which will be administered by Patti. He is asking the Water Board as well as the Town Board to contribute \$2500 in order to match the \$5000 set up for the Outreach fund. Grafmyer is concerned this is spinning out of the water commissions control. He does not see how saving money on chemicals and electricity will be enough for the amount of sales they will lose in treated water. Grafmyer thinks we need a discussion on this before this project is determined. Gabbett asks Lippert to pull some numbers for us to figure out how much we will be saving in chemicals and electricity. Board is not sure they can give the go ahead tonight. Grafmyer would like to wait to see if we get the grant before we start handing money out.

Motion by Finn Kjome to contribute the \$2500 and let the staff determine which GL number to take the money out of. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. **Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen. **Motion Passed.**

3. Tap Rate Structure

Wadman explains some consumers such as the school and fairgrounds are going to need larger taps so they should pay accordingly at \$5000 and yearly fee of \$300 instead of \$150. Kjome thinks the rate structure needs to be defined more as well as some stipulations on the senior scholarship fund. Wadman states he is not comfortable asking people for their financials, which is why there are not stipulations on the senior scholarships funds. He explains the \$100 incentive and they would like to extend that date through the end of the year.

Wadman explains that he did talk to the county commissioners and that he asked for \$80000. They are willing to help but in return they would like help with their broadband project. Wadman says that Commissioner Goodtimes would be happy to attend the meeting with the board at the Southwest Grant Presentation just showing the commissioners are in support of this project.

Kjome presents the SGM consulting services proposal. Board believes the proposal is high and that it is forcing them to put this out to bid. Kjome isn't sure how to move forward with this, he is not happy about the plane being a part of the proposal. Kjome suggests extending this out farther to maybe April just in order to have more time to be fully prepared before

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presenting the grant. Patti will do some research on different engineering. Board suggests keep looking at different grants and see what we can come up with. Wadman would still like to present in December just because it will be good practice.

Staff Reports/Announcements

Public Works Director's Report:

Chlorine & Turbidity Reports/Fluoride Report/Submitted.

Water Tests came back good. They had the sanitary survey, which the results have not come back yet but Lippert believes it went pretty well. The Health Department are still trying to get everyone on board with the new rules.

Water Production versus Usage:

Lippert received some more bids regarding water meters, which he hands out to the board. Neptune came out with the best bid. He tells the Board that he has not heard anything good about Sensus meters. They have a 25% failure rate every time meters were read according to his research. Neptune is trying to move forward in their technology eventually to meters being read with smartphones. Lippert would like to add meters in phases, rather than replacing them all at once due to cost. Kjome is comfortable with pursuing Neptune and the Board emphasizes they want to change the entire meter, not just the head. The Board would like to see numbers for budgeting all meter replacement and also just 100 a year. They would also like to get bids from contractors regarding installing the new meters.

Board Member Reports:

none

Administrative Reports:

Patti spoke with Carrie Andrew and she asked if the Water Commission would approve putting Library information into the envelopes with the water bills.

Motion by Jim Wells to put the flyers in the envelopes. Finn Kjome seconded the **motion**. **Yes**-Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Jim Jensen. **NO**-Mike Grafmyer. **Motion passed.**

The budget will be presented next month. It will be preliminary. There will have to be a rate increase in order to purchase new meters and to add another employee.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mike Grafmyer to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 P.M. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. **Yes**-Mike Grafmyer, Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Mike Morlang, Jim Jensen. **Motion passed.**

Approved:



Approved As Corrected:

Date:

10/19/16