

Norwood Water Commission  
Tuesday March 14th, 2017-Regular Meeting  
Norwood Community Center 7:00 P.M.

**Call to Order:**

Chairman-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, Mike Grafmyer, Jim Jensen, Ron Gabbett, Jim Wells

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

**Absent:** Mike Morlang

**Others:** Lita & Richard Bilotti, John Fahnestock, Goedele Vanhille

**Review/Consider Consent Agenda:**

**Motion** by Mike Grafmyer to approve the February 14th, 2017 minutes and the March 2017 bills and accounts as presented. Ron Gabbett seconded the **motion**. **Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Jim Jensen, Ron Gabbett, Jim Wells. **Motion passed.**

Remove Jim Wells from the adjourn on previous months minutes.

**Board Member Additions to Agenda: none**

**Public Walk-In Period:**

**New Business:**

Amend Rules & Regulations 10.1-Regarding multiple uses on 1 Tap:

Kjome assumed that multiple users would get 1000 gallons of water for each structure or each use making it so multiple users would get 2000 gallons of water if they had 2 uses. Kjome believes that each base rate is equal to 1000 gallons apiece.

Board would like to table this discussion to the next meeting.

**Motion** by Mike Grafmyer to table the multiple use discussion to the April meeting. Jim Wells seconds the **motion**. **Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Jim Jensen, Ron Gabbett, Jim Wells. **Motion passed.**

**Old Business:**

Current and past water line repairs: Degrand, Lita & Richard Bilotti, John Fahnestock, Hi-Country Motorsports

Kjome explains why the board is reconsidering the payment of the leaks. He says he did some research on the product that we use to repair water lines, in which he says the manufacturer is so vague in how to use these clamps. He also called Grand Junction pipe and all they said was they wouldn't want to use it on copper. That being said he doesn't think the town staff did anything against manufacturer instructions and therefore the customers should still have to pay for the repair. Grafmyer reads Morlang's email regarding his stance on this issue. Morlang thinks that the rule should be a customer's responsibility until the curb stop. Kjome explains that it's hard to incorporate this kind of situation because there are properties out there that the service line is really long to the house. Grafmyer

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explains that the meters are now in the house and there are people whose house is at least a mile away from the main line. Kjome has not changed his mind on these regulations. He believes moving forward that Degrand should have to pay for his leak. Goedele Vanhille states that she talked to an attorney regarding her leak and he stated that if the customer owns the service line than they can remove the meter and do whatever they want.

**Motion** by Ron Gabbett to table this discussion to the April meeting, when all board members are able to attend. Jensen seconds the **motion**. **Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Jim Jensen, Ron Gabbett, Jim Wells.  
**Motion passed.**

### **Staff Reports/Announcements**

#### **Public Works Director's Report:**

Chlorine & Turbidity Reports/Fluoride Report/Submitted:

Lippert states the reports came back. He just got notice yesterday that they no longer have to do MPA's but they do suggest that they continue to do it anyway.

The Hach rep came and inspected the APA.

Saturday morning they had a major power outage. Lippert had to go to the plant to shutoff the alarms because it knocked out the internet provider. He got everything back on track and then received a call again so he had to go back out to the plant. He shut everything down and just ran it on the bare minimum.

They will start installing the new meters tomorrow. They would like to get town done first before starting on rural. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April they will come in and help install the billing software and train staff.

Two of the guys are going to Montrose for flagging certification.

Brad is doing really well. He had his first weekend covering the water plant.

#### **Water Production versus Usage:**

75 % of water was accounted for.

#### **Board Member Reports:**

##### **Administrative Reports:**

Patti was wondering if anyone was going to be traveling to Greeley. Kjome explains that Jim went in front of the roundtable board and they awarded the \$50000 but the board in Greeley will make the final decision. He doesn't think it is absolutely necessary to make the trip all the way to Greeley. They will hold off until Thursday after the Town Board meets to see if anyone wants to travel to Greeley.

The Southwest meeting will be coming up and they have until April 4<sup>th</sup> to register if anyone would like to attend. Kjome says he might be interested in going.

Patti states she has a letter from Mark Vandenberg regarding commercial use. This is an old letter but now there is a different greenhouse going up near his residence and he is concerned with it regarding the effects it can have on the water pressure. Board discusses this and determines we can't do anything at this point because the water usage has not gone up.

A customer came to Patti that she is disgruntled about a no trespassing sign made out of an old tire that is hanging on their side of the fence at Gardner springs. She explains that there has been fence cutting which is why the no trespassing sign came into effect. Patti would like the tire removed and as she thinks we can't let the property be their playground but at the same time we need to be good

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neighbors. The customer also mentioned that we are landlocked as well because our entrance is on private property.

Patti states that at one point we talked about leasing the 119 shares of water to raw water. She just wants to see if that was still something the water commission was still contemplating. Grafmyer states he is still planning on that, it might take a couple years but eventually yes. The rest of the Board agrees. Patti sent out Ken Charles email with questions about the project that he needed answered. Kjome states that Wadman replied to the email but he believes the NWC needs to be answer these questions as well. The Board agrees that they need to say if they don't receive full funding then the project cannot go through.

Patti talks about the application for the Telluride Green Room. Its two 3000 square foot Greenhouses located at Beaver Pine Lane. We do not have a water line up there and this is a commercial operation, but considering they have to list a water source she just wanted the board to be aware. The county shouldn't approve it considering the amount of water they have available. She did let them know that they cannot use the potable water or the raw water system. Patti will let the county know that we want to stay informed but we have no comment at this time.

**Adjourn:**

**Motion** by Mike Grafmyer to adjourn the meeting at 9:10P.M. Ron Gabbett seconded the **motion**. Yes- Mike Grafmyer, Ron Gabbett Jim Wells, Jim Jensen. ***Motion passed.***

**Approved:**

**Approved As Corrected:**

**Date:**



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