

DURANGO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT #2  
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
April 21, 2021

I. Call to Order

President Carly Thomson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Other Board Members present were Directors Beverly Lawrence, David Cramer and Wayne Schrader. Wendall Qualls resigned from the Board after the last meeting. Also present: Jane Looney, District Manager; Dave Marsa Water/Wastewater Operator and Fred Owen, District Accountant. This meeting was conducted via phone conference call due to COVID-19. One prospective board member attended.

II. The minutes of the March 17, 2021 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Beverly made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Wayne seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. Administration

A. Financials

1. Jane presented the accounts receivable list for March 2021. They look really good.
2. Accounts payable were presented for approval. Board action. Wayne motioned to approve the payables. Beverly seconded. The motion passed.
3. Financials – Financial statements ending March 31, 2021 were presented.

B. Water & Wastewater Operations

1. Water and Sewer Operations Report – Dave reported that the wells are still not producing and so he kept LDWA running at 25 gallons per minute. Therefore, he wants to get Well 7 up and running. It is a shared well with DW1 and they gave permission to proceed with rehabbing it. Dave's plan is to mix it with Lake Durango water. Beverly made a motion to approve the \$3000 for rehabilitating well 7. Wayne seconded. The motion passed.

Dave is researching whether there is an issue in pumping water from Lake Durango fast enough to keep up with summer demand. We have two 6" pumps and Dave thinks we can do 60 gallons a minute from LDWA. He is talking with the DW1 water operator to see if there is an issue with both pumping at the same time.

The state completed the Sanitation Survey. Dave said we had no violations. There were six observations including cleaning the cistern at the well building and some paperwork items. Dave said it is a good survey and we are fine for another three years.

The Board discussed what tank level to maintain in relation to fire protection concerns. As long as it is over half, Dave said that should be plenty as they would use roughly 100,000 gallons to fight a house fire. Full tanks would be 1.5 million gallons. The Board wants Dave to maintain 2/3 to 3/4 full. The Durango Fire Protection District (DFPD) wants us to do flushing/ flow test on each of our

27 hydrants. Dave said this would use 1000,000 gallons and with the conditions this year, he recommended not doing that this year. He suggested giving the DFPD 2009 flow data and do the two hydrants that aren't on there. He can also provide pressure verification that does not cost water.

We have 25 valves in the system plus the 27 in front of fire hydrants. Dave has 8 valves that needs to be exercised which he plans to do in May.

2. Wastewater Operations Report – Dave said the plant seems to be working the way they designed it in terms of controlling ammonia levels. We received a CDPHE violation and sent a change of operator form in again. Wayne asked Dave to put the nitrate test, which is done every other month, on the wastewater report sheet as separate line. Dave will do so.

#### C. Roads and Open Space

1. Open Space and Trails – Jane said we have some monies from the insurance pool for safety items. She will purchase a fire extinguisher for the mail building. The pond bubblers are not working. Aquahab contacted the manufacturer who sent a new compressor. She will install it this Friday. There is no water going into the pond because we have no excess water. The pond is low. Jane met today with Advanced Waterscapes and will report next month. For an extra \$450, we could have a metal skirt around the new shed. Beverly said she would be in favor of going with the Ironwood estimate with metal skirt. The Board agreed.
2. Wildfire Mitigation Update – Fire Smart completed all 2021 projects under estimate, so Jon suggested doing some maintenance in the canyon with the extra amount (\$2000). Jane is meeting Jon on Friday to walk though this year's work. Any board member is welcome. Wayne indicated he would attend.
3. Road Update – Horizon will spray a preemergent in the cracks between curb and road to prevent weeds in early May. We are waiting on SGM's final spreadsheet with longer term road priorities and costs. However, we received his revised assessment given the coring information. Jane shared it with the Board and with Leeder to see if he might want to revise this year's projects. Beverly will reach out to contacts she has, including a civil engineer, to review the reports.

#### IV. Business

1. Prospective Board Member: The Board met with Stuart Crespin who is interested in being on the Board. The other prospective board member did not attend. Two board members will meet with him before the next board meeting.
2. Other District Correspondence: a new resident had questions over his sewer line. Jane referred to Dave and emailed him the Water/Sewer service line resolution. What restrictions are there for improvements to our property such as fences and greenhouses? Responded: The metro district is not an HOA. You should consult your covenants which are enforceable neighbor to neighbor and La Plata County building or planning department. The district is, however, concerned about water usage and strongly encourages water conservation. Just to be aware of: during

prolonged or severe drought, we have implemented watering restrictions in the past. Is it permissible to drive up the middle greenbelt and retrieve some of the wood the thinning crew left?

Are there any special considerations for permitting, etc for detached structures, like garages or ADUs? Responded: For most planning questions and process, you can contact the La Plata County planning and building departments. DW2 does have a policy regarding ADUs. Please see attached ADU Resolution. This would apply to detached garages as well if one is putting in water and/or sewer. You also need to contact us (and get sign off) if your plans include any change or addition to your water or sewer. For example, another bathroom.

3. Newsletter items – Bears, trash out in a.m. of day of pick up only; water situation tight this year – heads up re water use – use current Colorado drought task force report; wildfire mitigation for residents and resources; concern over needles and slash piles - remind of no burn resolution.

IV. Adjournment – Beverly motioned to adjourn meeting. Wayne seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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Jane Looney, District Manager / Secretary