

DURANGO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT #2
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
August 15, 2018

I. Call to Order

President Ward Holmes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Board Members present were Directors Dave Crom, Beverly Lawrence. Director Wendell Qualls had an excused absence. Also present: Jane Looney, District Manager; Tyler Whitt, Water Operator and Dave Marsa, Wastewater Operator. There were six residents in attendance.

The minutes of the July 18, 2018 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Beverly made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

II. Administration

A. Financials

1. Jane presented the accounts receivable list. Account #20490 was settled and is now current.
2. Accounts payable were presented for approval. Beverly motioned to approve. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Financials – Financial statements ending July 31, 2018 were presented. Next bond payment is due September 1. Fred reported that all funds and expenses are tracking well. The preliminary Audit looks fine. Fred applied for an extension and it was rejected since it didn't have a board member signature. However, Fred is not concerned.
4. Set date for Budget Meeting – The Board agreed on Wednesday September 26 at 9 a.m. at Fred's office for the meeting. Jane will check with Wendell and send out an email to confirm.

B. Water & Wastewater Operations

1. Water Operations Report: Tyler reported that Well 8 did better but Well 6 dropped off. The district purchased about 2 million again from Lake Durango in July. LDWA rate structure goes up after 2.1 million. Dave asked if we could get all the water we need from Lake Durango with the existing pump. Tyler said we would need to get a bigger pump. Ward said our rates would go up if show we are using more water and that it was determined about five years ago that we needed water from both wells and Lake Durango. Tyler doesn't have an estimate yet from Brooks Well Service to do the improvements. It would not exceed \$8,500 for Well 8 to gain some production back and would not exceed \$4,000 to add a bag filter at wells 8 and 10 to reduce the organic material (slimy stuff) before chlorination. This would help reduce TTHM. Dave asked about the cost for future filters and labor costs. Tyler said filters would not cost much and he would replace them in ten minutes and not charge anything more beyond his contract. Tyler is conducting his annual valve exercising program. Have installed about a third of the meters. Dave asked if they could be done more quickly. Tyler thought that he would start doing more now as more people are calling to schedule. Tyler addressed long term

solution to our water demand vs availability issue. He would like the Board to begin thinking about lowering the top amount from 10,000 gallons to 6,000. If everyone used all their water “allotment”, we would need 3.6 million gallons per month. Tyler said that the current rate structure is not a sustainable model and a new rate structure could bring us to where we should be as a community in Southwest Colorado. Tiered rates could allow those using less to get a rate break.

2. Wastewater Report: Dave Marsa reported that the major drainage work done all looks good. He got the drywall repaired on the inside roof.
3. EIAF Grant WWTP Improvement Report: Lemna, the company producing and installing the covers and aerators, is presenting problems and delays due to issues around their ability to do the installation. Brandyn continues to go up the chain.
4. Public Education for Lead and Copper: Tyler reported that we have been below actionable level since 2012.

C. Roads and Trails

1. Speed Bumps (added to agenda) – a resident presented the Board with a petition with 31 signatures requesting speed bumps. Another resident said he understood that we can’t have speed bumps throughout the neighborhood, but it would be good to have a compromise to have perhaps two in specific areas such as the playground. A resident expressed strong opposition to speed bumps citing experience in another neighborhood. The Board considered a variety of options along with pros and cons last year. It decided last August/September to look at getting a solar speed monitoring stand that could be moved around; however, it wanted to wait for results from Edgemont trying this. Beverly said Edgemont just got one so there is not enough information yet to judge. They paid \$4,000 for it. The district will explore getting larger signs for the playground area and taller “slow” lettering on the street. The consensus of those residents at the meeting and the Board was that it was a small percentage of people that are speeding offenders. Residents are encouraged to send license numbers to the District who will forward them to the Sheriff’s office to check into it. Jane contacted the Sheriff’s office for another round of patrolling for speeding and stop sign violators. They responded that could get some people up here, probably starting on Monday.
2. 2018 Road Project update: the weed spraying between the gutter and pavement has been completed. The road projects started this week.
3. Fire Mitigation Update – completed. Jane walked parts of the area with Jon from FireSmart and took photos to document the work. She is meeting with Jon next week to revisit the NW Triangle and 160 Highway West for estimates for 2019 – this would complete the perimeter objective prioritized by the Board and DW2 Fire Ambassadors. Resident Peppi Sanders-Perez became a fire ambassador and reported that she and fellow ambassador, Dennis, had good ideas about putting together community events. Charlie from FireWise would do a presentation at the Fire Station at DW1 this winter. Dennis

wants to put together volunteer crews to conduct more fire mitigation projects.

4. Entrance Drainage/CDOT Update – Jane met with the CDOT permits person, Jennifer Allison. DW2 does not have an access permit as it was built before CDOT required one. CDOT offered to waive the fee for us to apply for an access permit. The Board approved Jane checking with Bud about the permit and right of way issues. CDOT maintains that all “drainage features” are on private property and our responsibility. The Board reviewed the estimate from Altitude Landscaping which was half as much as another landscaping company. Dave moved that the Board approve both parts – east and west sides of entrances. Beverly seconded. Motion passed. Jane is working with Matt to clean the culvert first. He will also submit an estimate for the culvert work. The Board approved cleaning the culvert not to exceed \$600.

D. Business

1. Discuss Water Restrictions Effectiveness and Future Plans – Jane reported that 52 residences were at 10,000 gallons or over in July which was a partially wet month and the first full month under Stage 1 water restrictions. The Board discussed water availability from Lake Durango. Ward said we can’t depend on water from Lake Durango alone and explained that it is not an unlimited supply.
2. Select New Board member – The Board discussed the candidates. Beverly moved to select Wayne as a board member. Dave seconded. Motion passed.
3. Update from the Lake Durango Water Authority: Lake Durango is at 675 feet.
4. Other District Correspondence: tow an abandoned car on Willow Court; where to get “slow - children playing” signs; lots of closings – title companies and sellers and buyers.
5. Newsletter items: water restrictions; bears and fawns; meter replacements; budget ideas, license plate let us know.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Jane Looney, District Manager / Secretary