

DURANGO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT #2
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
May 15, 2019

- I. Call to Order
President Beverly Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Other Board Members present were Directors Dave Crom, Wayne Schrader and Wendell Qualls. Also present: Jane Looney, District Manager; Tyler Whitt, Water Operator and Fred Owen, District Accountant. No residents attended.

- II. The minutes of the April 17, 2019 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Wendell made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Wayne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- III. Administration
 - A. Financials
 1. Jane presented the accounts receivable list for April.
 2. Accounts payable were presented for approval. Board Action: Dave motioned to approve. Wendell seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 3. Financials – Financial statements ending April 30, 2019 were presented.

 - B. Water & Wastewater Operations
 1. Water Operations Report: Well production looks like it is down because Tyler turned them off due to the tanks being full. Tyler proposed starting the hydrant flushing/exercising program since we have the water now. The Board agreed this was a good idea. Tyler said that improvements to Well 8 to increase production were put into budget. Clint Brooks said this process can get back 60-80% of well production. Historically, well 6 has always been our low producer. SCATA would allow a probe or sensor to monitor levels in the tank. Tyler could log in via phone to check level remotely. Then it would be good to expand the system by adding an auto dialer. If the float drops a certain amount, the auto-dialer calls Tyler. A variable valve addition would allow Tyler to remotely reduce water flow by 80% in case of a main line break. A SCATA contractor, who is also a resident in DW2, said that he could get the SCATA system set up for less than \$8000. He would donate an old brain of the system which is the most expensive part of the system – roughly \$18000. PRL resident needs to repair their sewer service line. Their plumber wants to get rid of the dog ear; abandon one section and drill into our main line. The Board gave permission to do this as long as Tyler inspects the plug and new connect.
 2. Meter Upgrade Report: starting on “freeze” installs and meter pits.
 3. Wastewater Report: Dave was not present.

 - C. Roads and Trails
 1. Discuss Access and Playground Response – FireSmart requested access through district property in the gully to conduct fire mitigation for a resident. The Board granted access. The Board liked Bud’s clarification on playground usage and would like it to be part of the revised rules and regulations.

2. Review Tennis Court Bids – Jane got two bids for resurfacing and repairing the Tennis Court bids. Contractor said that asphalt courts typically have a life of 10-15 years and ours is beyond that. The cracks are not going to go away. If repaired this summer, they will reappear over the winter. There is a product that they can put in the cracks to prolong appearance of no cracks a little longer. It would add to the cost of repair and there is some disagreement among the contractors how effective it is. The cost of new court done right (not asphalt) would be \$90,000 to \$100,000. The Board questioned how many residents use the court. It was decided to revisit this at the next meeting.
3. Mosquito Abatement - the Animas Mosquito Control District had to write off \$688 on our abatement work this year due to being over the contract amount. Dave moved that we split the difference as a goodwill adjustment. Wayne seconded. Motion passed.
4. Review 2019 Road Maintenance Projects – there is \$72,000 in budget for road repairs. The list went over this amount due to unexpected costly replace and repair of intersection of Aspen and Spruce Drive. The Board wants to keep within budgeted amount. Jane will connect with Matt to prioritize projects.

D. Business

1. Water Overage Reduction Request – the Board reviewed request from a Pine Ridge Loop resident to reduce their March overage charge. The Board decided not to grant the request as it had given a reduction in February.
2. Rate Proposal - The Board discussed the rate increase. Wayne motioned that the district proposes a rate increase of \$20 per month, allocated as: \$52.34 for water and \$23.66 for water acquisition, \$8 for sewer, \$32 for wastewater and \$44 for general. Wendell seconded. Motion passed. Beverly proposed new water rate structure: up to 6,000 gallons included in monthly fee; \$7 per thousand for 6,000 to 8,000 gallons; \$10 per thousand for 8 to 10,000; \$15 per thousand for 10,000 to 15,000; \$25 per thousand for 15,000 to 30,000; and \$50 per thousand for 30,000 gallons and over. Wayne motioned that the district proposes this water rate structure. Wendell seconded. The motion passed. The Board will send out a letter to all residents and schedule a public meeting to propose the rate increase and new water rate structure.
3. Discuss Open Burn Request – a resident contacted the district to see if he could conduct an open burn. He already received a permit from Durango Fire & Rescue. Several have called to see if it is prohibited. The Board is in favor of prohibiting open burning in the district. Jane will discuss with Fire Marshall Hanks how we could work with her to ban open burning here.
4. Rules and Regulations Revision - The District is now 40 years old and preparing a current version of the Rules and Regulations that incorporates all existing policies would provide a single document for reference by the District and its residents. It would also provide a document that could be updated as changes are made. Bud estimates it would cost \$1,800-\$2,400. Dave motioned approve Bud proceeding on review and consolidation of DW2's rules and regulations. Wendell seconded. The motion passed.
5. Unmetered Water Response (Oak Drive) – Jane will follow-up on progress. Tyler said there are likely other such unmetered hose bibs in the condo

units. The Board directed Jane to contact the Wildwood Condo HOA president regarding this likelihood and provide options of either going through the process of locating these unmetered bibs and installing new meters at their expense or have us locate them and get rid of them at our expense.

6. Lake Durango Water update – per Board’s direction, Jane sent an email letter to LDWA requesting a re-averaging of monthly use due to LDWA water problem last fall/ She requested a credit as the district had to purchase more water to flush out the bad water.
7. Other District Correspondence: mulch program; pickleball; fire burn permit; fence restrictions; Fir Drive garage; ATV on streets; trash outside
8. Newsletter items: dogs, bears, no mulching project this year; assist in cleaning your street gutters to allow proper street drainage

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Jane Looney, District Manager / Secretary