

DURANGO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT #2  
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
May 16, 2018

I. Call to Order

President Ward Holmes called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Other Board Members present were Vice-President Beverly Lawrence and Director Wendell Qualls. Also present: Jane Looney, District Manager; Tyler Whitt, Water Operator; and Dave Marsa, Wastewater Operator. Three residents attended.

The minutes of the April 18, 2018 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. With one correction to the newsletter items section, Beverly made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Wendell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

II. Ward administered the oath of office to Beverly Lawrence and Wendell Qualls.

III. Administration

A. Financials

1. Jane presented the accounts receivable list. Account #20490 overdue. Bud said auction was continued to June 6<sup>th</sup>.
2. Accounts payable were presented for approval. Board Action: Beverly motioned to approve. Wendell seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Financials – Financial statements ending April 30, 2018 were presented. Fred was not present.

B. Water & Wastewater Operations

1. Water Operations Report: Tyler reported that all water storage numbers are down due to electricity tripping and outages. Lake Durango usage will be up in May as we are not keeping up with demand just using the wells. Tyler brought up whether to have water restrictions. Ward said that Lake Durango is o.k. until July. If nothing changes, may need to implement restrictions then. Tyler will pump more Lake Durango as the cost doesn't go up that much relatively. Board approved time and hotel for Tyler attend the free training in Norwood for Fire and drought water. CDSL (insurance provider) auditor did site visit of Water Treatment Plant, storage tanks, Lake Durango pump house and WWTP.
2. Wastewater Report: we received complaints regarding the odor from two Lake Durango residents. Dave put more air in cell 1 to help. Next year should be better with less sludge and covers. Pumping sludge from cell 3 to Cell 2. The State came to do a compliance inspection to ensure we were doing projects to work toward compliance.
3. EIAF Grant WWTP Improvement Report: Dave continued pumping sludge from cell 3 to Cell 2. Veris is scheduled to pump Cell 2 out on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Cell 1 improvements were ordered.
4. Public Education for Lead and Copper: information was presented.

C. Roads and Trails

1. Playground/Trails: Thank you to Allison Handrick for getting parent volunteers to spread the mulch on the playground last Saturday. Dave Crom fixed the bolt on the vertical tunnel and other minor repairs. Jane found a playground repair kit in the mail building. Dave agreed with the playground service rep that the cables on the bridge were worn and not frayed, therefore not a current safety concern. Micah is volunteering to coordinate trail work! Jane will get him the names of 4-5 other residents that have expressed interest in the past.
2. Entrance Drainage Update - Jane has been trying to get permission from CDOT permit department to proceed with drainage repair and improvements – with CDOT hopefully doing the culvert extension and DW2 could fix the west side entrance. However, their permit person, Randee Reider, has been out of the office for several months. This week, Reider said that she'd do a site visit when there is a storm event. Jane responded that the east entrance needs are obvious without seeing it during a storm and it is important to fix it now with good weather before the monsoons.
3. 2018 Road Projects and Street Cleaning schedule – Road projects are scheduled for June 18 thru the 25. Street cleaning was re-scheduled for May 21-24 after the Chipper Day as suggested by the Board.

#### D. Business

1. Review Resident Letter Re: greenbelt trails and yard waste – The Board confirmed the District Manager's statement that no needles or other yard waste should be placed on trails no matter the reason – particularly this year when fire danger is high. Beverly will prepare a response letter.
2. Review Driveway Ramp Recommendation from SGM - The recommendation memo requested by the Board outlines specs and suggested products. Board members didn't like the bolted down option. Ward said that we need to develop a resolution that states the specs and the homeowner's responsibilities. For the next board meeting, Jane will print photos of the other products and write bullets of ideas for what should be included in a policy/resolution.
3. Fire Mitigation – Two residents addressed mitigation needs in the interior greenbelt with scrub oak in places now 6-7 feet tall. The Board explained that the priority according to fire mitigation experts this year was to conduct mitigation on the perimeter of the subdivision. There was some discussion about residents volunteering to do mitigation in the greenbelt. However, there needs to be oversight so it would be done correctly and there needs to be a way to remove the slash. Currently, the Board said there is not any more money for either. A resident said that she attended Firewise workshop for home owners and would like to bring an educational evening to the subdivision. The Board encouraged her to do so. The project to remove stumps, debris and needles in the gully was completed on Tuesday, May 15. FireSmart will begin mitigation June 11<sup>th</sup> or maybe a week earlier. Chipping was going to be delayed to next week so Jane got a different contractor who could do it this week: Grasshopper. Our FireWise

Ambassador Dennis was supposed to present an update at the meeting but did not attend. Jane will follow-up with him.

4. Update from the Lake Durango Water Authority: Lake Durango is at 794 feet. LDWA contracted 400 acres feet of water from Lake Nighthorse per year. Wendell calculated this to be 130 million gallons a year.
5. Other District Correspondence: low water pressure water; people outside DW2 asking about taps and whether there's any issue with enough water; resident that's moving shared her appreciation and sent a letter. Two Lake Durango residents' complaints about WWTP odor; thanks from residents re: chipping One example: "Thank you for providing this service. It makes mitigation more affordable for me."
6. Newsletter items: recruit another board member, parking, fire mitigation updates and education; possibly a new FireWise ambassador; water conservation measures.

#### IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Jane Looney, District Manager / Secretary