

DURANGO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT #2
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
July 18, 2018

I. Call to Order

President Ward Holmes called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Other Board Members present were Directors Beverly Lawrence and Wendell Qualls. Also present: Jane Looney, District Manager; Tyler Whitt, Water Operator and Dave Marsa, Wastewater Operator. Residents interested in becoming Board members, Mary Katherine and Wayne Schrader, attended. Another resident was in attendance.

The minutes of the June 13, 2018 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Wendell made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Beverly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

II. Administration

A. Financials

1. Jane presented the accounts receivable list. Account #20490 is closing this month so we should get full payment. Jane sent a letter to Wells Fargo requesting full payment and their requested follow-up documents. The buyer is aware as well.
2. Accounts payable were presented for approval. Beverly motioned to approve. Wendell seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Financials – Financial statements ending June 30, 2018 were presented. Fred was not present.

B. Water & Wastewater Operations

1. Water Operations Report: CDPHE Compliance Assurance letter dated July 12, 2018 reduced requirement for testing nitrate to once a year vs quarterly. Tyler explained that we had to increase the frequency of samples after a receiving a high sample result at the beginning of last year. Since we have not had any further high nitrate results, the state decreased our sampling back to annually. We are above 20 feet in the water storage tanks for the first time. Still pumping LDWA at 40 gallons a minute to stay up. There are 18 residents who had a zero meter reading last month – many of those have had that reading for a while and do not respond to the door hangers left at their residence to contact Tyler. The Board agreed that a letter from the Board could be sent out after residents were notified via cards/door hangers at their door that they needed to schedule installation of a new meter. The letter would state that they could have their water shut off if did not reply and would need to cover costs incurred in shutting off water, including installing a curb stop if necessary. Tyler sampled all four wells and is waiting for results. Brooks Well Service is preparing a proposal for Well 8 which is currently producing just one gallon a minute. Clint Brooks remembers it producing over 20 gallons a minute. He can reclaim some of the production through a process reopening some of the perforations. The pine trees planted by the water tanks for the 4L Ranch need watering. Beverly said would be

fine to turn irrigation system on once tank is full. The Board agreed. Wendell asked about whether it is more cost effective to just purchase water from LDWA instead of run the wells. He said we spend a lot in electricity. Tyler says it cost less for us to produce water than purchasing. Wendell referenced a recent well replacement pump costing \$10-15,000. Ward and Tyler said a report was done in 2010, 2011 which said the numbers showed the wells were cheaper. However, Ward said that was done when the District was looking at the need for LDWA. Jane offered that the Asset Management plan could feed into re-examining whether it's more cost effective to have both wells and Lake Durango or just LDWA.

2. Wastewater Report: Janet with DW1 called today to ask DW2 Board for a meeting to be scheduled for IGA/WW subcommittee before the August board meetings. Their rep is no longer on their Board. She has another candidate: Melissa Snyder who is with the Division of Water Resources. Jane will schedule with Dave Crom and Dave Marsa. Larry with Keller Williams called regarding availability of sewer taps for new development La Plata Heights west of DW1. Bud told them there were some available.
3. EIAF Grant WWTP Improvement Report: the aerators and other improvements for Cell 1 should be here shortly. The last item will be the pond cover for Cell 4.
4. Public Education for Lead and Copper: Tyler will be putting out sample bottles this month.

C. Roads and Trails

1. 2018 Road Project update: road projects were delayed until August due to the fires and resident anxiety. Jane checked with Matt to see if there is a project(s) that could wait until next year to make up the \$8000 overage in chipping mitigation. After reviewing projects by visiting DW2 last week, Matt did not see any area to cut. Jane said that we could either cut the the project to deal with the vegetation between the gutter and paved roads or the district would need to approve another \$1500-2000 to spray the weeds first. Beverly motioned proceed with all schedule road projects and approve the added expense of spraying the weeds. Wendell seconded. Motion passed.
2. Fire Mitigation Update – Jane applied for a chipping rebate from FireWise and DW2 received a check for \$1500, the maximum amount. FireSmart finished mitigation in the canyon/gully and is close to completing mitigation along Highway 160. Fire wood is available.
3. Entrance Drainage Update – Jane received an estimate from Grasshopper for fixing the drainage issues on the west side of the entrance. She also contacted True Blue for an estimate but they are now doing larger jobs. She asked about whether the Board wanted to recontact the landscaper responsible for the non-swale and drainage issue on the west side of entrance. Beverly said it was not worth going back contacting previous contractor as was done at least 4 years ago. The Board decided to wait until another estimate was received and Jane could meet with the new CDOT permits person, Jennifer Allison.

D. Business

1. Water Restrictions Exception Request 371 Fir Drive – resident wants to install sod in their 264 square feet yard. He is seeking permission to water as needed. Ward said the Board could not approve as it would set a precedent. Also, he said the District encourages people to xeriscape.
2. Water Overage Reduction Request – the Board looked at request and agreed that since this was an issue of a plumbing mistake that was corrected quickly and was a on- time deal, they would reduce the charges. Wendell motioned to reduce overage charges to \$11, the lowest rate. Beverly seconded. Motion to reduce water overage charges for this Oak Drive was passed.
3. Review Driveway Ramp proposal – the Board liked what Jane had put in the memo regarding bullet points and directed her to work with Bud to distill into a resolution.
4. Discuss Updating Rules and Regulations - According to Bud, at various times it appears the District began a comprehensive rewrite of the Rules & Regulations but apparently it was not completed. Bud thinks an update of the District's rules and regulations “would be beneficial. The District is now 40 years old and a preparing a current version of the R&R 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 could cost \$1800 to \$2400. Ward asked Jane to send the current Rules and regulations out to the Board.
5. Update from the Lake Durango Water Authority: Lake Durango is at 712 feet.
6. Other District Correspondence: fire mitigation – who owns behind 49 Aspen drive; number of dogs allowed; closings; HOA rules re: fencing; fencing at Aspen and Oak Drive; problems parking on Willow Drive; permission to build bedroom in basement
7. Newsletter items: water restrictions; bears and fawns; meter replacements; update on fire mitigation projects

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Jane Looney, District Manager / Secretary