

DURANGO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT #2  
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
May 17, 2023

- I. Call to Order  
President Carly Thomson called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. Other Board Members present were Directors Beverly Lawrence, Derek Ryter and Wayne Schrader. Also present: Jane Looney, District Manager; Dave Marsa, Water/Wastewater Operator; Stacie Tucker, District Accountant, and Stephen Wells.
- II. Elected Officers Take Oaths of Office - Carly, as board president, administered the Oath of Office to Stephen Wells. The other newly elected board member, Corey Beaugh, was not present and will take oath of office before a notary. Beverly made a motion to reappoint Carly Thomson to the Board on an interim basis and Derek seconded. Carly was reappointed to the board.
- III. Election of Officers – tabled until next board meeting when new board members Stephen and Corey are present.
- IV. The minutes of the April 19, 2023 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Beverly made a motion to approve the minutes with one minor word change. Wayne seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- V. Administration
  - A. Financials
    1. Jane presented the accounts receivable list for April 2023. Account #21134 is past three months overdue. Derek motioned to approve the penalty charge be assessed and water shut off warning be sent if no payment is received by June 10<sup>th</sup>, the next billing date. Beverly seconded. The motion passed.
    2. Accounts payable were presented for approval. Beverly made a motion to approve the accounts payable. Wayne seconded. Motion was approved.
    3. Financials – Financial statements ending April 30, 2023 were presented.
  - B. Water & Wastewater Operations
    1. Water and Sewer Operations Report – our wells are producing so much that Dave turned well 8 and 10 off. He hopes to stay on well water until after the lake turns over. Dave said he thinks our percent water losses are due perhaps to the formula calculations between the large and smaller tanks. Wayne will look into this more. Another option might be to add the transfer pump meter reading to the spreadsheet. Dave scheduled Brooks Well Service to remove Jones’ water pump on June 13<sup>th</sup>.
    2. Wastewater Operations Report – Dave removed a deer carcass from cell 4 which he said definitively was the cause for our high ammonia levels. It was likely there 3-4 months. He has several repair projects due to the heavy winter including reenforcing the levy for the constructed wetlands. The IGA meeting with DW1 is set for May 24<sup>th</sup>.

### C. Roads and Open Space

1. Road and Drainage Update – Matt agreed to meet with Jane to review a drainage issue behind lower Spruce Drive residences in early June. The board discussed the resident's request to put her vehicle up by the road or put in concrete pad; they said the ROW is for snow storage and utility access and to perhaps put a pad 15 feet back. They also looked at a resident's complaint about cars always parked on Wedgewood in ROW and agreed with Jane's response that it is private property and if continues in the winter, we will ask him to remove the vehicles for snow storage. They offered a few suggestions as well for the complainant. Dave said that the 200 Spruce Drive culvert is bent. Jane will email the owner. A resident asked Dave if they could move a fire hydrant that is up against the house. Dave told him to get bids from a contractor.
2. Open Space and Fire Mitigation Update – mitigation will begin the end of June; and the contractor will also take care of some damage from the winter in the greenbelt at an additional cost.

### VI. Business

1. Water Overage Process and Cedar Drive Update – the resident's insurance denied liability; Jane emailed a response.
2. Review Resolution 2023-05 ColoTrust Participation - Wayne motioned to approve the resolution. Beverly seconded. The motion passed. Stacie and Jane will proceed in setting up the ColoTrust account and transferring district monies from our Bank of San Juans account. Jane reported that Bud just told her that Alpine has a money market fund paying 5.15% with up to six transactions a month. The board decided to leave monies already in Alpine Bank and put them into the MMF. Wayne reported that Community Bank raised our account to a 4% interest rate. Wayne will ask Eric to put their bank offerings in an email and it will be put on the agenda next month.
3. Review Updated Resolution 2023-06 Water Service Lines – Beverly motioned to pass the resolution with minor grammatical changes and Wayne seconded. The motion to adopt the resolution passed.
4. Review Drainage Easement Policy - Beverly and Jane will work on the wording a bit more and research accessibility to plats or maps that would help the district and residents determine if they have a drainage easement.
5. Discuss Impact of LDWA Rate Increase and Possible Options – the board discussed the impact of LDWA's 15% rate increase on our budget now and likely LDWA rate increases next year along with the potential need of raising resident's fees. Beverly offered to look at the numbers and options. The board mentioned the 20% inflation since our last rate increase four years ago as an additional factor to consider.
6. Other District Correspondence: resident proposed eliminating all signage in the neighborhood as being totally unnecessary since no resident or visitor abides by them; curb replacement by owner and how; contract to remove wood in triangle greenbelt; dog harassing wildlife; junk cars on district ROW; higher water use – two leak outdoor faucet, one maybe tankless water heater, another refuses to

acknowledge had leak; billing change cc date; lost all keys to mailbox; key found; issues on greenbelt – holes, branches moved there, ponderosa down, trampoline; resident expressed interest in being on the Board – but didn't respond back

7. Newsletter Items – drainage easement; ROW – how handle; reminder when landscaping to keep in mind the district ROW policy - see website for full policy guidance. Dogs and wildlife.
- IV. Wayne retires from Board – the Board thanked Wayne Shrader for his service to the board and community.
- V. Adjournment – Beverly motioned to adjourn meeting. Derek seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Jane Looney, District Manager / Secretary