

DURANGO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT #2
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
March 15, 2023

- I. Call to Order
President Carly Thomson called the meeting to order at 5:05 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; and Stacie Tucker, District Accountant. One resident attended, our Lake Durango Water Authority board representative.

- II. The minutes of the February 15, 2023 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Wayne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Beverly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- III. Administration
 - A. Financials
 1. Jane presented the accounts receivable list for February 2023.
 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 February 28, 2023 were presented.

 - B. Water & Wastewater Operations
 1. Water and Sewer Operations Report – Dave turned off Lake Durango because the wells are maintaining.

 2. Wastewater Operations Report – Dave got the new motor in and running. Ammonia levels in December were high due to the blower motor being out from the massive power outage. The State issued a violation. The February ammonia level was 21, also due to blowers being out. The plant has an influx of water flow from all the snow.

 - C. Roads and Open Space
 1. Snow Removal Update – the district has already spent over \$88,000 on snow removal. Complaints were received about the pushing of snow/ice during the recent Oak Drive slush patrol. Our contractor was trying to save residents (especially elderly residents) from having to remove heavy slush and ice from the bottom of their driveways. Additionally, there are less places to store the snow. A resident disputed our Right of Way policy in relation to snow being put on his side driveway. The Board said a driveway is the one in front of your garage.

 2. Open Space Update – The board discussed a resident’s proposal for dog disposal bags/posts. The board declined as it has previously, as we aren’t an HOA and don’t have a staff person to service them. Jane ordered AED pads and batteries that had been on back order since November 2021.

IV. Business

1. Election Cancelled for May 2, 2023/Open Seat – Beverly, Carly and Jane are meeting with the two newly elected directors, Corey Beaugh and Stephen Wells in early April to help orient them. The board discussed the open seat and interested candidate.
2. Water Overage Adjustment Request – the board reviewed 153 Cedar Drive resident’s reduction request. A front spigot ran for more than two weeks using 168,400 gallons. It also resulted in the frozen pond issue at corner of Aspen and Cedar Drive. The district paid Leeder \$487 to fix it on February 10th. The leak started on February 3rd, ramping up to full bore on February 8th according to the water meter log. Leeder believes this leak was definitely the cause. The board voted to reduce the overage to \$7 per 1000 gallons plus charge the resident for the direct expense to fix the ice pond in the road.
3. Review Overage Process – tabled until next meeting.
4. Fire Mitigation Proposal on Adjacent Property – the board discussed the response from adjacent property owner to our contractor’s proposal to partner on fire mitigation. The board decided to let some time pass and then reach out to the resident.
5. Boundary Adjustment/Solar Easement – no response yet from Hutchisons.
6. Review Agreement with Terlun Drive Resident – we have not heard back from Jones’s attorney on the full \$15k offered to resolve issue.
7. Lake Durango Water Authority (LDWA) Increase in 2023 Rates – Wayne, Beverly and Jane met with DW1 concerning the 15% increase. Both districts want the increase to be reduced based on the clear well not being needed this year and to phase in the increase later this year. Clear wells are used to store filtered water of sufficient capacity to prevent the need to vary the filtration rate with variations in demand and are also used to provide chlorine contact time for disinfection. Ward, our LDWA representative addressed the board. He said that they have sat on the need for the clear well for two years so are doing it. In response to other questions, he said that buying an extra 150 acre feet from Lake Nighthorse is in the plan and that the LDWA board voted in 2017 to grandfather the acquisition fee in as the capital improvement fund. He will send us those minutes. The board wants Ward to have full participation and be able to make motions, etc. They asked Jane to contact Ward and request a quarterly report in person, by phone or written email.
8. Discuss Tier Rate Structure – the board tabled this item.
9. Other District Correspondence: thanks for dog poop article and thought about installing poop receptacles; saved money on street cleaning so do dumpsters or mulching again
10. Review April Newsletter – the Board reviewed the newsletter.

IV. Adjournment – Beverly motioned to adjourn meeting. Wayne seconded.

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

Jane Looney, District Manager / Secretary