

DURANGO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT #2
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
August 19, 2020

- I. Call to Order
President Wayne Schrader called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Other Board Members present were Directors Beverly Lawrence, Carly Thomson, David Cramer and Wendell Qualls. Also present: Jane Looney, District Manager; Fred Owen, District Accountant and Dave Marsa, Water and Wastewater Operator. This meeting was conducted via phone conference call due to COVID-19. Four residents attended.
- II. The minutes of the July 15, 2020 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Beverly made a motion to approve the minutes. Carly seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- III. Administration
- A. Financials
1. Jane presented the accounts receivable list for July 2020. One of the sizable overdue accounts was just paid in full.
 2. Accounts payable were presented for approval. Board Action: Beverly motioned to approve. Wendell seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 3. Financials – Financial statements ending July 31, 2020 were presented.
- B. Water & Wastewater Operations
1. Water Operations Report – the district received a violation notice for “Failure to Monitor or Timely Report”. Dave submitted the TTHM and HAA5 samples to the state late as it is a different test schedule than his other clients. The valve repair job at Oak Drive and Oak Place is completed, including the concrete pan. Dave plans to exercise and clean remaining valve cans over the next several months. Dave will get the patch on Aspen Drive by Oak Drive down to level surface. The final piece for the SCADA system is getting a durable desktop computer to be located at the WWTP which needs to be on 24/7. The Michael Way residence is the last one without a new meter. As the resident has not responded to requests over the past year, Bud thinks a permanent solution of installing a meter pit is the way to go. The district needs to notify him ahead that the district will be digging up his front yard to install the meter pit and the cost will be passed on to him. Dave will get estimate to Jane. She will send a notice to the resident.

There is a vacant lot at 1309 Oak Drive which has just been sold and will likely be developed. It has one of Neergaard’s excess water/sewer taps.

A resident has requested help with cost of rocks by drainage at pond. This issue dates back a few years to the Oak Drive major mainline repair. Jane had a contractor weed the area and the resident replaced rocks around hydrant and valves. The Board approved up to \$200 for

reimbursement. This relates to Dave's assessment that the break likely did deposit dirt below the drainage ditch that needs some dirt work done to clean out and dig out a "filtration settling pond". This could help drain out some leaves, needles, maybe even nitrogen. Dave thinks could last five years before needing to be dug up again and reseeded. Jane is getting an estimate from Leeder as she would like to do the project this year. Wendell motioned to approve up to \$2000 for this project. Beverly seconded. The motion passed.

2. Wastewater Report – after an ammonia violation a few months back, Dave is running both blowers all the time. The electricity bill will be a bit higher through end of year and next year.

C. Roads and Open Space

1. Open Space and Trails Update – Dave met with Titus, from the Water Resources Board, who had no qualms about the pond "dam" not being a dam and instead being an unregulated embankment. If it were regulated, there would be lots of requirements. The other half of the pond got sprayed with algaecide. The contractor proposed a possible "solution" of dragging a chain to uproot/cut algae growing from bottom. Jane will send proposal to Aquahab and to Durango Nursery. Carly raised an issue of the algae situation becoming worse if you pull up or cut algae as it could spread seeds.

Encroachment: Several residents are encroaching on district greenbelt as well as blocking access to a manhole. There raised pool that is half on district property and fence far back on district property at 476 Oak Drive. the resident at 498 Oak Drive said he will take down the raised beds and move the shed if needs to. Jane will send a letter on behalf of the Board to both residents saying that the district is putting them on notice that all structures on district property need to be moved and provide a timeframe for it to be completed. Jane will check with Dave to see what leeway there may be in terms of timing. The District will be maintaining the area for both access to its water and sewer utilities as well as to the interior greenbelt.

Pickleball on tennis court conflict: A resident spoke of the impact of pickleball noise on her in her home. Another resident spoke about the support from residents of pickleball and things he has offered to do to create less stress for the impacted resident. The Board discussed this issue. One board member said it is a tough situation because pickleball doesn't work for one individual and at the same time, we can get more use out a built amenity that is in disrepair. They discussed other locations that have pickleball played on tennis courts such as Needham Elementary. The Board decided to not disallow pickleball at this time. The resident said that pickleball impacts her and her property value and she would sue the district. The Board asked her to send the legal paperwork directly to Jane.

IV. Business

1. Water Overage Adjustment Requests – Michael Way, Ryan Court, and Aspen Drive - three residents requested a water rate adjustment due to

problems they have now remedied. The Board wanted to accommodate by not causing undue financial stress; but also cover basic costs. Carly made a motion that the Board approve that a one-time offering for the three residents that they are charged at the \$10 per thousand for gallon usage over 8,000. Wayne seconded. Motion passed. This was acceptable to both residents who attended. Jane will get them the adjusted amounts.

2. Wastewater Services Request – Wayne and Beverly support going forward to the next step after the meeting with Bud. We have the capacity and our customers can benefit from it. Wendell had some questions and concerns about meeting our state ammonia and other standards. Jane will set up an IGA meeting with DW1 where Wendell could ask these questions of Dave Marsa and DW1 can weigh in on the request.
3. Other District Correspondence: planting maple tree on greenbelt; cows trespassing; detached garage (told no on water) also wants to do an office; fences; water hardness level; graduation parade
4. Newsletter items: bears; slow down kids at school

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Jane Looney, District Manager / Secretary