

DURANGO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 2  
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
June 19, 2024

- I. Call to Order  
Vice-President Beverly Lawrence called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m. Other Board Members present were Directors Derek Ryter and Stephen Wells. President Carly Thomson and Director Corey Beaugh were excused. Also present: Jane Looney, District Manager, Stacie Tucker, District Accountant and Dave Marsa, Water Operator. There were three residents from DW1 attending.
  
- II. The minutes of the May 15, 2024 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Stephen moved to approve minutes from the last meeting. Derek seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  
- III. Public Comments – DW1 board members and their representative to LDWA expressed concerns about the draft LDWA rate study. They detailed various issues with it.
  
- IV. Administration
  - A. Financials
    1. Jane presented the accounts receivable list for May 2024.
    2. Accounts payable were presented for approval. Stephen moved to approve the accounts payable. Derek seconded. Motion was approved.
    3. Financials – Financial statements ending May 31, 2024 were presented. Stacie’s written report is in Board packet. The board approved Stacie sending a letter to DW1 regarding concerns over their payment history.
  - B. Water & Wastewater Operations
    1. Water Operations Report –well 5’s pump went down again. There is still a warranty on it as it was just replaced four months ago. However, the other wells “are still kicking it” according to Dave. He is pumping little water from Lake Durango. Water storage tanks are scheduled for August/September for a five-year inspection. They will provide an estimate for further work then.
    2. Lead and Copper Inventory Requirement – Jane and Dave met with the state contractor to go over results. All homes were built 1973 or later and therefore confirmed by them to not have any lead pipes in the subdivision. They said no replacement plans or publishing of a map is required. They sent a Lead Inventory form for Dave to sign and upload to the portal.
    3. Wastewater Operations Report – Dave will work this month on getting the wetlands repaired. Plant is running well though he did need to clean the contact chamber. Sewer lines will be inspected and cleaned in July by Southwest Systems. Dave wants them to view every section that LPEA’s subcontractor Circle Z impacted. He also still wants to do the complete sonar inspection as well, so the sewer fund may be over budget due to LPEA’s cable project.
    4. DSV Update – Brandyn presented at the June 11<sup>th</sup> state hearing for DW2. He reported it went well. All the parties (WQCD, CPW, EPA) had no opposition to the District’s subsequent DSV. The Commission should notify the district

shortly. Dave has ordered the temporary temperature probes required by the state. They should cost \$1,000; and we will get them in 4-6 weeks so well ahead of the September deadline.

### C. Roads and Open Space

1. Road Update –Patching and sealcoating happened on upper Aspen Drive along with patching major potholes by the playground and back side of Oak Drive. The major mill and overlay project on Michael Way is scheduled for July 22-26 when Leeder will also conduct the rest of the patching. Phoenix Recycling sent a crew up with a water tank, power washer, and oil filtration socks to pressure wash the impacted areas. There is still a little residual discoloring of the street, but he thinks it will fade away with a little sun, rain, and car tire abrasion.
2. Street Signs Update – Momentum Tree Service completed its line-of-sight trimming; Jane met several times onsite with Branson Traffic to go over utility problem locations; completed work on June 7th. Jane went through our old traffic signs and ones Dave had at the WWTP. She put up some in the shed for backup and the rest will be taken away.
3. Open Space Update – fire mitigation is completed. They intensified efforts in the 160 west of entrance area. Their final invoice was \$4,340 over because of the amount of dead oak they had to remove. One resident emailed about a tree leaning toward the trail in back of Cedar Drive. Our contractor assessed the situation and said there was not extreme exposure and would not recommend removal at this time. He noted that neither tree has signs of rot or decay. AMCD inspected and treated the pond area on May 30<sup>th</sup> and found no larvae in any of the bodies of water and treated the center pond for June.

### V. Business

1. LPEA Easement Request through Greenbelt – the board decided to deny the request in that LPEA has existing utility easements in which to complete its cable replacement project upgrade without disturbing greenbelt district property with 3-4 foot deep trenching across the middle of the greenbelt.
2. Review LDWA Rate Study – Beverly did an analysis and emailed questions to consultant via Matt. Concern by the board that we did not receive the rate study draft – only got it via DW1. Primary concerns are that this is not a cost-of-service rate study as required by our LDWA Establishment Agreement. While no one thought our rates would down, DW2 and DW1 believed that a rate study would make the playing field fairer – that there would be recognition of our own maintained infrastructure and therefore, we wouldn't be paying for capital improvements that we get no benefit from.
3. Discuss Open Burn Policy Revision – the board discussed issues that came up from residents' questions and concerns as well as options such as flame height, proximity to trees and homes and reducing the restrictions. Beverly and Jane will do more research and draft a revision. The board supported placing a statement on the website or in emails to residents inquiring about the policy with Stephen's addition regarding smoke being an irritant. *While these are the current exceptions, the district does not condone any of these as safe.*

*Smoke can be an irritant to neighbors who may have health conditions. Moreover, any device that has flames and/or emits sparks, flying ash carries a danger of fire. We ask that residents always use caution when using these devices and not leave unattended.*

4. Other District Correspondence – new reverse osmosis filter causing overage; parking by PRL condos issue; LPEA ruined irrigation hose; Solo wood or pellet stove outdoor okay?; water quality report requested
  5. Newsletter Items – no board meeting in July; a revised schedule of all district activities upcoming and completed
- IV. Adjournment – Stephen motioned to adjourn meeting. Derek seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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Jane Looney, District Manager / Secretary