

DURANGO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT #2
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
March 16, 2022

- I. Call to Order
President Carly Thomson called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Other Board Members present were Directors David Cramer, Beverly Lawrence; Derek Ryter and Wayne Schrader. Also present: Jane Looney, District Manager; Fred Owens, District Accountant and Dave Marsa, Water/Wastewater Operator. This meeting was conducted via phone conference call due to COVID-19. No residents attended.
- ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
- II. The minutes of the February 16, 2022 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Beverly made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Wayne seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- III. Public Comments/Questions – there were none
- IV. Administration
- A. Financials
1. Jane presented the accounts receivable list for February 2022. Board approved assessing the delinquent interest charge and sending a turn off notice to account #100040.
 2. Accounts payable were presented for approval. Wayne made a motion to approve the accounts payable. Derek seconded. Motion was approved.
 3. Financials – Financial statements ending February 28, 2022 were presented.
- B. Water & Wastewater Operations
1. Water and Sewer Operations Report – Dave reported that well production is the lowest in three years due to the on-going drought. A board member asked, how do we know there's no problem with the wells? Dave responded that he monitors amps on the motors – when the pump stops pumping water the amps drop and the protection stops the pump. It then waits a set amount of time and restarts the pump. The wells are pumping below bedrock – all wells are 100 feet deep. Dave said that one thing we could do is acid treat the wells to open the fractures in the ground to try and get more water. He has done this for other districts and gotten an additional 5 gallons per minute. Since residential usage is constant, we have had to pump LDWA non-stop. LDWA asked us to turn our pump off for one week last month so they could replenish their tanks. We received an invoice from Canyon Construction almost a year late which will impact this year's sewer budget. Fred said we would just have to do a supplemental budget appropriation at the end of the year if needed.
Mainline Break March 8 – Dave replaced 10 feet of pipe and the bedding. We were fortunate to have parts that Dave stocked at the zircon last year. With on-going supply chain issues, Dave will restock when can and look into other

supplies as well like fire hydrant parts. While the break was repaired quickly and no resident was out of water that day, there was damage to 190 Spruce Drive residential garage and basement unit. Dave said that the leak's surface water was more than the resident's culvert could handle. We opened an insurance claim, but our adjuster has not heard back from the resident. Dave will get an estimate to replace the whole line since there is no asphalt involved; and that it could be a good tie into the already budgeted meter project at the tank.

2. Wastewater Operations Report – Dave reported our ammonia level was 25 which puts us out of compliance. This was due to the previous mechanical problems and power being out and the fact that it's hard for the lagoons to recover in the wintertime. State Water Quality Scientist Azra Bilgin reached out to check on the status of our permit renewal and wanted to make sure we were aware that even when the permit is renewed, our DSV for ammonia will still be in effect until the end of the DSV duration (10/2024). She said that often with small communities with continuing economic hardship, a subsequent DSV is granted when the current DSV expires. This requires a re-evaluation of the current socio-economic status at the time and the track record from the previous DSV.

C. Roads and Open Space

1. Road Update – the street post sign was down at the corner of Oak/Danielle Circle. Derek wondered about snowplowing impact as there was the No Outlet sign on corner of Aspen and Spruce that came down a year or so back. Jane will check with that resident and with our snowplow contractor.
2. Open Space Update – the community garage sale was set for Saturday, June 11. In response to the arrows being shot on greenbelt last fall, Bud said: *The District can impose any reasonable rules on use of the greenbelt. Any use which creates a potential risk of injury to others using the greenbelt could be prohibited. I would suggest adopting a policy which prohibits the use of any weapons within the greenbelt. Might need to be sure the language is broad enough to cover all conceivable risky behavior.* Jane said this could be an opportunity to combine greenbelt related resolutions along with adding other language including “risky behaviors”. The Board decided to have Bud go ahead with “tidying up” our documentation related to the greenbelt.

Pond – Jane emailed the pond residents and received several email responses from the same resident. There were questions and issues that he brought up that the district will research further. Jane will contact the Army Corps of Engineers first. We will put a notice in the newsletter about the condition of the pond and the board gathering data and doing more research on options. Beverly suggested paying the landscaper to do some estimates for us and maybe provide schematics and representative photos. Derek, a water scientist, said there were more than 15 days last year when the Animas had lower flows than ever recorded since 1890. There is an accumulated dryness in the soil from 10-15 years of drought. The long-term forecast is for warmer and drier through the end of the year.

IV. Business

1. Election Cancelled for May 3, 2022
2. May Meeting – the Board rescheduled its May meeting to May 25th which will be in person. They decided to still have a phone meeting in April.
3. Solar Update – Wayne said the deal is done and he thinks it is a good deal. The Board thanked Wayne for all his time and expertise on examining the financial elements of the contract.
4. Discuss Sewer and Water Line Possible Policies – Bud has yet to prepare his memo.
5. ADU/RV discussion/ Short term rentals response – the board discussed the issues. For now when asked about short term rentals, we can respond that the board is watching the issue closely and is weighing options with their legal counsel. As this may be a zoning issue, we can we talk to the county about it. Beverly volunteered to do so. The board decided to start with the County and then approach Bud for a legal opinion on alternatives.
6. Other District Correspondence: realtor regarding short term rentals; thanks for water break updates; resident found leak after our email notification; request to include compost flyer in newsletter – I offered to post it on bulletin board; ‘ice boulder’ in road; issue with ebill recipient not getting her ebill notifications.
7. Newsletter items – bears are out; pond direction; reminder payment due even if don’t get bill - mail is not reliable and can always choose Ebill option.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Jane Looney, District Manager / Secretary