

DURANGO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT #2
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
April 20, 2022

I. Call to Order

President Carly Thomson called the meeting to order at 5:03 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 March 16, 2022 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Wayne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Beverly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. Public Comments/Questions - no public attended

IV. Administration

A. Financials

1. Jane presented the accounts receivable list for March 2022.
2. Accounts payable were presented for approval. Wayne made a motion to approve the accounts payable. Beverly seconded. Motion was approved.
3. Financials – Financial statements ending March 31, 2022 were presented.

B. Water & Wastewater Operations

1. Water and Sewer Operations Report – the State changed our Lead and Copper sampling schedule to 10 samples every three years because the district demonstrated low lead and copper concentrations in three annual monitoring periods. Dave asked the Board to spend less than \$10,000 to acid treat well 8 which would possibly get us an extra 5 gallons per minute by opening the fractures back up. Wayne calculated that this would translate to water production value of \$500 per month which would take 20 months to payback the improvement to the well. Beverly said our wells are one of our biggest assets. She made a motion to move forward with this effort with a cap of \$10,000. Derek seconded. Motion passed. The Board also asked Dave to first make sure Brooks Well Service can do it this year.
Oak Drive Service Line Break – Jane saw unusual asphalt breakage in the middle of the road which turned out to be a service line break. Dave repaired in on April 14 by replacing the soldered coupling connection with a bronze connection. The Board thanked him for performing the repair quickly and efficiently resulting in the water being off just a couple hours. Wayne asked Dave for a list of extra parts he would recommend that we have in stock.

Mainline Break March – there is currently no further information to report about the insurance claim.

2. Wastewater Operations Report – Browns Hill Engineering will get Dave the programmed computer back later this week which will be helpful to detect a leak earlier as well as send notifications for the sewer plant when an equipment piece goes out. Dave received the new samplers. He asked if the board wanted to donate the old ones (which Dave couldn't get that much money back anyway) to smaller districts. The Board said yes. The plant's ammonia level turned back around. Bud reviewed our DSV status and timeline. He said: The District needs to be aware the variance will expire on October 1, 2024. Unless an extension is granted or a new DSV is approved, the District will need to meet the more stringent effluent limits, not the 15 allowed by the DSV. A review of recent data shows the plant has achieved compliance with those limits in all but 3 of the last 16 months. If the additional improvements suggested by SGM and Dave (new blowers and dissolved oxygen probes) increase the efficiency of the process, it is likely no DSV will be required when the current one expires. If there continue to be times when the new limits are not achieved by the end of next year, the District should begin developing data to support a request for a new DSV. Jane will check in with Bud again regarding the DSV in Fall 2023.

C. Roads and Open Space

1. Road Update – Aspen Drive roadwork is scheduled for June 14-16. Leeder will patch Oak Drive (from April's service line break) at that time.
Street Sweeping - Jane brought up other options to clean the curblin gutters this year. There have been issues in the past with our street sweeping contractor in terms of its efficiency and effectiveness. After Board discussion, Jane will research various options further. As there is also a wider on-going issue with getting handyman type help, the Board asked her to get Bud's input on pros and cons of someone being on our payroll vs being a temp vs outside services. Jane also suggested putting out a group email asking residents to please clean up in front of their homes due to the recent winds knocking more needles down.
2. Open Space Update – the board said to go ahead and take down the COVID sign at the playground. Pond – Jane was in communication with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) regional contact. We need to fill out a few online forms and go through the process to see if it is regulated by ACE. Derek said there is a good chance it is not regulated. Jane contacted the county Fire Marshall via email and a reminder call regarding the use of the pond as a fire protection resource. She has not received a response yet. She attended the Water Availability Task Force meeting and shared a few bullets: Our summers are getting hotter; Colorado is warming like the rest of the world; 2009 was the only year that was below normal temps in over 20 years. La Nina is likely around for a 3rd year which reduces our chances for drought recovery. The monsoon is a toss-up this year. This was the third year in a row that we have entered winter with soil moisture content deficit.
Josh, True Blue Landscaping owner, said he would do an estimate when the Board decides on what it exactly wants to do and has an actual plan. If it decided

to convert the pond, he highly recommended letting it dry up both for cost considerations and avoiding the mucky, smelly mess in the greenbelt that would result from any pond water removal.

IV. Business

1. Review Resolution 2022-03 Revised Greenbelt Rules and Regs - the board discussed the resolution and exhibit A. Overall, the board supported the resolution as they said it is important to protect district assets and liked that it combined previous resolutions with several new activities. Beverly and Carly said they would look at Exhibit A for more consistent wording and what to let go. Jane will check with Bud about several questions including what happens if a violation occurs and how to handle situations when the offender is not a resident or can't be identified.
2. Discuss Sewer and Water Line Policy Revision – the board agreed with Bud that we need to sit down with him to discuss the options as our water and sewer service lines are not uniform. There are some modifications that are needed in different situations. Jane will set up a meeting with Bud and Dave.
3. ADU/RV/VRBO Update - Beverly talked with the county. They are very aware of the Short Term Rental issue. Currently, VRBO/Short Term Rental owners need to have a license and pay taxes to county and are asked to be good neighbors. The board discussed options, including waiting for the County. However, we still need to firm up a response to inquiries the district receives from prospective buyers. Beverly will help with this. Jane said DW1 did a survey last year and will contact them for a copy and the results.
4. Other District Correspondence: pickleball complaint – pickleball sign taken down; sheriff officer called to verify not allowed; billing; thanks for updates on water
5. Newsletter items – reminder NO Pickleball; May Meeting rescheduled May 25th which will be in person; solar up and running in September!

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Jane Looney, District Manager / Secretary