

# Durango West Metro District No. 2

## April 2025 Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date: April 16, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: District Mail House

Present: Carly Thomson, President; Beverly Lawrence, Vice-President; Directors Derek Ryter and Stephen Wells. Director Corey Beaugh had an excused absence. Also present was Jane Looney, District Manager and Dave Marsa, Water/WW Operator. One resident attended.

#### AGENDA:

1. Call to Order – Board Chair Carly Thomson called the meeting to order at 5:00
2. Approve minutes of the February 19, 2025 meeting – Beverly motioned to approve minutes as presented. Stephen seconded. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment – resident spoke about drainage issues he has had for 10 years.
4. Financials – Receivables, Payables and Financial Statements were presented. Beverly motioned to approve the payables. Stephen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Beverly motioned that the District assess the penalty fee to account #802060 if haven't paid by May 10<sup>th</sup>. Stephen seconded. Motion carried.
5. Water and Wastewater Operations – Dave reported that water quality is good. Well production has increased over the last month. We went over our Verizon usage again. Dave will ask Charles if a bad connection is the reason for overage charges. Dave sold 20 meters at \$125 to LDWA. The state lab closed so Dave must use Green Analytical for monthly \$33 ammonia test. They have a minimum charge of \$100 so the board approved Dave doing extra testing to use up the minimum charge.
6. Roads and Open Space – Repair to upper Aspen Drive started last week.
7. Business
  - Election Results – Beverly Lawrence was re-elected via acclamation.
  - WWTP Permit/DSV Status – Brandyn confirmed with Nathan Moore at CDPHE that since the new permit has been pulled for now, we need to only comply with the parameters of the existing permit. No need for WET testing, metals, etc while the situation is figured out. From today's meeting with the state permit division, they are still requiring the district to submit a modification request to incorporate the new DSV and to conduct expensive tests so there can be data to show we can't meet the new requirements and then apply for another DSV. Jane will draft a letter to our state representative for the board. She asked Brandyn to follow up on the "Dry Drainage Study" referenced in the meeting to show our effluent does not reach the Animas River and therefore should not be subjected to the more stringent levels.

- Solar Plant Contract and Meeting – per the board’s request, Stacie provided a report on what the district paid LPEA before solar was installed at WWTP and what we’ve paid LPEA and Shaw combined since. Jane will set up a meeting with Wayne, Stacie, Beverly and Stephen to go over the contract, production and charges.
  - Drainage Easement Guidelines and PST Letter – Bud reviewed the Drainage Easements Policy and would not recommend any changes. Board wants to keep Policy in title vs. Guidelines and to add “refer them to this policy” to final sentence. Board will revisit the PST draft letter at its next board meeting.
  - District Trail Easement – 747/783 Oak Drive – the owner was notified of the access easement between the two properties after a resident emailed the district that a trail sign was missing. He responded that they weren’t aware of the sign and wanted to discuss moving trail access and said they would be fencing the 783 property this summer. This property has historic trails on it.
  - Website Accessibility Update – the board agreed that Jane should delete newsletters 2019 to 2023 from the website.
  - District Correspondence: Carport o.k.; trail sign taken down 747 Oak; Block Party; no trash cans just moved in; fire mitigation concerns
  - Newsletter – district fire mitigation; pinecone year help; locates – fencing and landscaping ROW and Drainage Easements Policies
8. Adjourn at 6:45 – Stephen motioned to adjourn. Derek seconded. Motion carried.