

DURANGO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT #2
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
February 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 January 19, 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
- IV. Administration
- A. Financials
 1. Jane presented the accounts receivable list for January 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 January 31, 2022 were presented.
 - B. Water & Wastewater Operations
 1. Water and Sewer Operations Report – Dave said he had nothing new to report except recent interactions with residents led him to request a few clarifications relating to water and sewer line responsibilities. This item is later in the agenda.
 2. Wastewater Operations Report – the ammonia level was high due to the electrical outage. It may be worth getting the extra blower as a back-up sooner rather than later. Dave said that being over our ammonia limit one month is not an issue with the State if its due to something we know or can control – like the blower being out.
 - C. Roads and Open Space
 1. Road Update – no issues reported with snow removal this month.
 2. Open Space Update – there were two icicles coming down from the mail building itself. Jane got a contractor to look at it. He cleared the roof immediately and had a person conduct a moisture test inside the mail building to make sure there was no seepage into the walls. There was not. Jane submitted a safety grant request and received \$203 as reimbursement for half of the cost of a cybersecurity improvement – a router and protection plan. POND: the board discussed the pond condition for summer 2022 as there will likely not be any well water available to add to the pond and the pond will continue to get more

shallow which means more algae. The board decided to not allocate any money toward the pond this year unless the algae odor becomes a major issue. They further agreed that the pond is no longer sustainable and that the district needs to proceed with next steps. Carly would like to see landscaping done this fall or next spring. As it is costly to drain the pond and it is getting shallower each year, they would like to let it dry out as much as possible this summer. The Board said to proceed with the draft notification to residents regarding this summer and future direction.

IV. Business

1. Approve 2022 Animas Mosquito Control District Contract - Wayne made a motion to approve the contract. Derek seconded. Motion passed.
2. Discuss Sewer and Water Line Possible Policies - Bud is preparing a memo.
3. Review/Approve Shaw Solar Contract – Wayne reported that Bud made changes to the contract and thinks it’s a good deal. Shaw agreed to all the changes we wanted. Wayne looked at various inflation scenarios related to clause 5 and 6 to see if it’s good to leave the clauses in. We could save \$163,000 over the course of the contract – most of that at the backend. But with the clauses, we could just save \$71,000 over the life of the contract. He proposed negotiating the CPI level which would mean a benefit to us of \$99,000. He emphasized that the district would also have an asset at the end that could provide \$40,000 worth of electricity a year with minor maintenance. Beverly said she was okay with Wayne negotiating and likes that the district is not completely committed as the contract gives us maximum flexibility since it requires an annual appropriation by the district. Beverly made a motion to accept the contract with the changes that Wayne will be asking for. Derek seconded. Motion passed.
4. Other District Correspondence: check return – refusal to provide contact info; anyone surveying neighborhood; state didn’t receive 2022 budget
5. Newsletter items – residents not walking on trails outside of our property in March or April; water22.org yearlong state initiative

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Jane Looney, District Manager / Secretary