

Norwood Water Commission  
Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022- Regular Meeting  
Norwood Community Center 7:00 P.M.

**Call to Order:**

Ron Gabbett called the regular meeting of the Norwood Water Commission to order at 7:03P.M. The Norwood Water Commission of San Miguel County, State of Colorado, met in regular session at the Norwood Community Center, 1670 Naturita Street, Norwood, Colorado. Those being present were as follows:

**Present:** Vice Chairman – Finn Kjome, Chairman – Ron Gabbett, John Owens, and Jim Jensen

**Staff:** Shawntel Darby-Turner – Secretary and Randy Harris – ORC

**Absent:** Jim Wells, Patti Grafmyer – Administrator, Thomas Short and Mike Grafmyer

**Others:** Ray Cossey, Pamela Barrett, Dave Alexander, Chase Bizer and David Royer

**Via Zoom – Tom Mortell**

**Review/Consent Agenda:**

There was a **Motion** by Finn Kjome to approve the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes and April 2022 bills and accounts as presented. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

**Board Member Additions to Agenda:**

**Public Walk-In Period:**

*Chase Bizer*, manager of Norwood Ace Hardware, came to discuss the future location at 1920 Grand Avenue. She explained that she and the owner, Tom Mortell, felt that the water bill was too high. They had been working with Randy Harris, the Public Works Director, on a leak that was detected on both the old meter as well as the new meter. Chase and Tom would like leak relief for the month of December 2021 which shows a leak of 77,000 gallons and was billed at \$390.50. Another thing they brought into question was the minimum billing as they felt that was too high as well. They were being billed for two water services as the building on the south side of the main building had water service and a business being ran out there in the past. Chase explained that there was not any water service in the other building. Randy said he would confirm one way or the other. Chase also mentioned a frost-free hydrant and Ron Gabbett explained that these are illegal on our water system.

Finn Kjome made a **motion** to split the December 2021 in half bring it from \$390. 50 down to \$195.25 and to remove the other water service from billing along with an adjustment made for the amount of \$442.00 upon confirmation of no water service in the building on the south side of the main building. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

*David Royer* presented a proposal for a tunnel to get water up on the mesa that is gravity fed instead of using a pump for the San Miguel River Project. He may decide to get on the agenda for more discussion next month.

*Ray Cossey* asked about water availability and how many taps we had as he wanted clarification. Finn Kjome stated that we currently have 300-acre feet each year, of which we used 276-acre feet last year.

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Dave Alexander gave clarification on what we could negotiate or not negotiate for if we needed a 2<sup>nd</sup> 300-acre feet.

Ron Gabbett asked for clarification on 1200-acre feet of domestic water that he had heard about. Dave Alexander states that they store up to 1200-acre feet of domestic water every year per their decree. It's on paper and it is put in the reservoir. Then they go back to their older decrees.

#### New Business:

- a) Thomas Short – 38018 Highway 145, Letter Requesting Help Regarding Water Bill  
Thomas Short had written a letter requesting help on his water bill as he had a leak and had to replace his water heater. The NWC Board discussed the letter. Jim Jensen made a **motion** to split his January 2022 bill in half bringing it from \$761.50 down to \$380.75. John Owens seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.
- b) SGM Proposal for Water Supply Adequacy – Board Discussion/Decision  
The Board discussed the proposal. Kjome made a **motion** to ask staff to continue to work with SGM to refine the scope and to better understand it for clarification. Then, if we are comfortable, to have them go ahead and authorize it. John Owens seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

#### Old Business:

- a) Consideration of Revisions for Material and Installation Specifications  
Randy Harris states that they continue to work on clarifying our specifications. Number 8b was discussed and the Board decided to add the word thread to clarify what flare meant. Number 15, they decided to take out the word vertical as it was conflicting. Number 16, using sand as bedding was removed as it is costly and there are less costly things to use as bedding. Number 18, at the end of the paragraph, the board feels there is a case for both 2 valves as well as 3 valves. On the mainline materials, number 1, Randy states that he missed the 900 psi and will change it accordingly as it is supposed to be C900. Ron Gabbett noted that in several places the word "like" was used, he feels "equivalent" should be put in its place. He also feels that there are several places that mention the Norwood Water Commission's approval that should also state that the approval from the Public Works Director should be stated as well. Regarding the water lines, the Board would like to have the locator wire taped to the water lines.

#### Staff Reports/Announcements

- a) Public Works Director's Report  
Randy Harris states that we hired our 3<sup>rd</sup> person, Austin Overholt. All samples came back good last month. Reservoir 1 is full. Reservoir 2 is at 14 feet 3 inches. Filter Tech is coming, hopefully next week, for quarterly calibrations again. They are going to install our turbidity monitor controller and our chlorine analyzer. They are going to look into our 3b filter as were are having issues with it. We are trying to get a municipal water treatment tech in. He services our scemen analyzer, he will look at the whole system. There is not a curb stop for Ace Hardware so in order for them to take the meter out of the pit, we'll have to turn our mainline off. We are planning on doing the valve replacement at the cemetery and that is also where the air vac was at that was malfunctioning, along with a band aid a couple of feet from that. We will go through and fix these within the next two weeks which will allow Ace Hardware to continue with what they are doing. Production is still down to where it has been for the last few months. Last month, we

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made 3,000,874 gallons. Randy also met with Filter Tech regarding being able to shut off valves with his phone. It will be very simple to have it put into the system. We just have to have it designed for the vault and have power run through it.

**b) Board Member Reports**

**c) Administration Reports**

Administrator Patti Grafmyer was absent. However, she left a written memorandum in her place. Patti attended the SWCD Annual conference via zoom on April 1<sup>st</sup> which was mostly about the continued drought in the Southwest region. She also applied for the proposed Reservoir #3 at Senator Hickenlooper's office for Funding Year 2023. There will be more applications to fill out if the NWC is chosen to be placed in the FY23 Appropriations Bill. She included the updated projected costs.

**Adjourn:**

**Motion** by Finn Kjome to adjourn the meeting at 8:58P.M. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

**Approved:**



**Approved As Corrected:**

**Date:**

4/12/22