

Norwood Water Commission  
Norwood Sanitation District  
Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024- Joint Special Meeting  
Norwood Community Center 7:00 P.M.

**I) Call Joint Meeting to Order:**

Tony Daranyi called the joint special meeting of the Norwood Water Commission to order at 7:10P.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:**      **Chairman** – Tony Daranyi, **Vice Chairman** – Finn Kjome, Brad Campbell, Ryan Howe, Mike Grafmyer and Ray Cossey

Bernice White called the joint special meeting of the Norwood Sanitation District to order at 7:11P.M. The Norwood Sanitation District 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:**      **Chairman** – Bernice White, **Vice Chairman** – Brad Campbell, Mike Grafmyer, Tom Kyle, Kerry Welch

**Staff:**            Randy Harris – ORC, and Shawny Darby – Secretary

**Absent:**

**Others:**        Jessica Bicknase, Curtis Funke, and Mandee Shirley

**Via Zoom** – Mia Rupani, Richard Nelson, and Amanda Pierce

**II) Interim Administrator**

Brad Campbell states that the Town of Norwood has the opportunity to rehire. If that happens, we are still without an administrator and we will need to ensure there is no conflict of interest. He feels we should not make an exact motion until after the Town of Norwood Board of Trustees meeting. Tony Daranyi discussed contract labor with no benefits, the amount of hours and what the projects would be. The Boards discussed the immediate projects involving the security grant that should be completed at the end of the month, the redundant line, the interim administrator supervising Shawny and willingness to attend board meetings. Higher wages were asked for at \$38.00 per hour. Amanda Pierce thought she would give 20 to 30 hours if she took this position. Randy Harris will continue

what he is doing. Finn Kjome states that the direction from the attorney was to just have a consensus until after the Town meeting without hiring tonight until we have everything in order.

The general consensus of both the Norwood Sanitation District and the Norwood Water Commission is that they are in agreement with hiring Amanda Pierce as the Interim Administrator for these two entities pending the Town of Norwood Board of Trustees meeting.

### **III) Third Party Investigation**

Brad Campbell is concerned with the entire process regarding everything that is going on. There is an employee of all three entities that has resigned following the termination of a Town of Norwood employee and nobody knows why she was fired. The entire situation seems bizarre and blatantly nontransparent. Bernice White states that we can call Colorado Municipal League to see if they are able to help investigate. Mike Grafmyer wants the computer issues investigated. Ray Cossey states that he understood everything was being investigated. Both boards continued to discuss the matters at length.

Tony Daranyi expressed his interest in moving forward. Ray Cossey feels we should wait and see what the Town of Norwood does as he is concerned with possible legal jeopardy and Tony agrees. Tony also feels that if the Town needs to clean up, let them.

The general consensus is that we need to participate in discussions with CML and DOLA keeping in mind that the Mayor is on a board for CML.

Brad Campbell asked if we could come up with a list of items we feel should be investigated. Both boards feel there has been a breach of public trust. The list is as follows:

- Computers
- Finances/Legal Fees
- Listening/Recording Devices
- External Hard Drive

Mike Grafmyer feels it is odd timing that someone had been repeatedly attempting to log into Amanda's computer but it stopped after she was fired.

Randy Harris let the Boards know that we are as safe as possible for SCATA.

Mike Grafmyer states that the Town still has not done anything to begin an investigation.

Tony Daranyi feels that with the computer issues we should contact CBI.

**NWC** – Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to write a letter to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation asking for an investigation of our computers, hard drive, etc. Ray Cossey seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

**NSD** – Brad Campbell made a **motion** to write a letter to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation asking for an investigation of our computers, hard drive, etc. Mike Grafmyer seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

Shawny was instructed to write separate letters specific to each entity and send them to each board for review.

**NWC** - Finn Kjome would like to discuss Garfield and Hecht.

Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to add IV) Attorney to the agenda. Ray Cossey seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

**IV) Attorney – Finn Kjome**

Finn Kjome presented the contract from Garfield and Hecht.

Ray Cossey made a **motion** to engage Garfield and Hecht as the Norwood Water Commission attorney. Finn Kjome seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

Shawny was instructed to keep a copy on file and email a copy to Finn immediately.


**V) Adjourn:**

**NSD** – Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to adjourn the Norwood Sanitation District from the joint special meeting at 8:14pm. Tom Kyle seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

**NWC** – Brad Campbell made a **motion** to adjourn the Norwood Water Commission from the joint special meeting at 8:27pm. Mike Grafmyer seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

Approved:

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8/15/24

