

Norwood Water Commission
Tuesday February 14th, 2023- Regular Meeting
Norwood Community Center 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Finn Kjome called the regular meeting of the Norwood Water Commission to order at 7:02P.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** – Finn Kjome, Brad Campbell, Jim Wells, and Mike Grafmyer

Staff: Patti Grafmyer – Administrator, Shawntel Darby-Turner – Secretary and Randy Harris –
ORC

Absent: **Vice Chairman** – Ron Gabbett and Jim Jensen

Others: Sam and Suzanna Bon

Via Zoom – Steve Johnson - Attorney

Review/Consent Agenda:

There was a **Motion** by Mike Grafmyer to approve the January 10th, 2023, minutes and the February 2023 bills and accounts with additions. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

Board Member Additions to Agenda:

Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to move the approval of the cistern design from old business to new business right before Sam and Suzanna Bon’s application for new water tap at 161 Gurley Drive. Brad Campbell seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

Public Walk-In Period:

New Business:

a) Statement of Opposition Regarding State Board of Land Commissioners

1. Steve Johnson – Attorney

In the course of filing the application for finding reasonable diligence for the storage reservoirs we got a Statement of Opposition from the Colorado State Land Board. They have hired a new staff member who is tasked with reviewing all water right applications throughout the state and where the impact or intersect with the state land board. He evaluates whether or not they should bring a Statement of Opposition. The Statement of Opposition we received suggests that the Norwood Water Commission may lack legal authorization to construct the reservoirs based on a 1995 Right of Way that was granted to the Town of Norwood for \$40,000 of which had a deadline to construct the first reservoir on the Land Board land within four years after the grant and allows that the Right of Way may be cancelled in the future if the reservoir is not constructed in that time. Finn Kjome expressed that we were all confused as we had built reservoir 2 on that land years ago. Patti explained that it was built in 1998 or 1999. Steve stated that it would have been within the

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deadline. Finn reiterated that we think we met this agreement. Steve suggests we discuss this with our local state representative, senator and obtaining a letter of support from San Miguel Water Conservancy District as well as the Town of Norwood that explains that this serves a vital function, and it has been 28 years. There is a scheduled conference call on February 20th. The Land Board has let this pass all this time without opposition. There was further discussion on what would be needed going forward.

b) FWDC Notice of Call for Annual Meeting

1. Appointment of Norwood Water Commission Representative

Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to appoint Brad Campbell to represent the Norwood Water Commission at the FWDC Annual Meeting and vote the shares. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

c) (Old Business {c}) Approval of Cistern Design

The NWC Board discussed the cistern design. Randy Harris feels the design is good.

Brad Campbell made a **motion** to add the cistern design to the NWC Rules and Regulations as presented. Mike Grafmyer seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion Passed.**

d) Sam and Suzanna Bon – Application for New Water Tap at 161 Gurley Drive

Randy Harris feels the new cistern design is the ideal application for 161 Gurley Drive. The NWC Board reviewed and discussed the application for new water tap for Sam and Suzanna Bon.

Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to approve Sam and Suzanna Bon's application for a new water tap at 161 Gurley Drive using the new cistern design. Brad Campbell seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

Old Business:

e) Notification of the Town of Norwood's Approval of Jim Wells Continuing to Serve on the Norwood Water Commission Board

Patti Grafmyer explained that no vote was necessary. She further explained that this is just a notification that Jim Wells was approved by the Town of Norwood to remain on the Norwood Water Commission after being appointed to the San Miguel Water Conservancy District.

f) Approval of Cistern Design

{Moved to New Business (c)}

Staff Reports/Announcements

a) Public Works Director's Report

Randy Harris states that all samples are good. Water production is up from last year and we are checking the lines and the system. Earl McWilliams earned his Class 1 Water Distribution System Operator certificate. Randy earned his Class C Water Treatment Operator certificate. He is going to go for his

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Distribution Class 2 next month. We have another water tap application west of Jimmy Barks' place; don't see any problems with that one. We are waiting on a quote from ACM for the mainline extension south of the Eades place. ACM did some maintenance on the backwash pond. Looking at going through and replacing everything on our PRVs. We are in the process of inspecting them and Randy believes we may have a possible leak below PRV 3 and we are looking at fixing it on Friday depending on the weather.

b) Board Members Reports

c) Administrative Reports

Patti Grafmyer let the NWC Board know that anything Mike Bordogna sends to her from the San Miguel Water Conservancy District regarding the water rights she sends on to the NWC Board for their information. She updated the Board on the negotiations with Sheep Mountain Alliance. Patti also updated the Board regarding Invoice Cloud explaining that we have hit some road bumps and will likely not be set up by the end of the first quarter.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mike Grafmyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:01P.M. Brad Campbell seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

Approved:



Approved As Corrected:

Date:

3/14/23