

Norwood Water Commission
Tuesday January 11th, 2022- 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 7:00P.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, **Vice Chairman** – Ron Gabbett, John Owens, Mike Grafmyer and Jim Jensen

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

Absent:

Others: Ray Cossey

Via Zoom – Jim Wells

Review/Consent Agenda:

There was a **Motion** by Ron Gabbett to approve the December 14th, 2021 minutes and January 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:

Regarding Fitts Subdivision, Ray Cossey asked if the Norwood Water Commission serves the parcels up there. Finn Kjome answered that some are, and some are not. Ray was just curious as he has looked at a couple of places for sale. He also wondered if people have wells up there or if people can drill wells up there without opposition or if there is water available. Finn said that it depends on where it's at. Patti explained that it was one of our low-pressure places and that when there is a water break, they feel it up there (Fitts Subdivision) first.

Another question Ray had after reading the recent newspaper articles regarding water is that people are concerned with not having water with the new subdivisions going in. Since the public doesn't seem to understand he wanted to know if there was anything we could put out for them. The Board explained that we have these meetings that very few people attend for education and that we have Water Days coming but we can't make people attend.

New Business:

a) Appointment of Chairman (Rural) and Vice Chairman (Town)

There was a **motion** made by Mike Grafmyer to nominate Ron Gabbett as the Chairman. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**

There was a **motion** made by Ron Gabbett to nominate Finn Kjome as the Vice Chairman. John Owens seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**

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b) Draft Materials and Installation Specifications Discussion

Randy Harris presented the draft for Materials and Installation Specifications with the changes he and Patti Grafmyer made. They took out the meter pit installations and emphasized that it needed to be waterproof and that any deviations need to be board approved. We added in that it must be accessible and located in the same structure they serve and no device may be installed in a location where it may become submerged or freeze. Other than that, everything else pretty much stayed the same. There was a **motion** made by Mike Grafmyer to accept the changes they made. Ron Gabbett seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

Finn Kjome noted for Randy that the state was starting to crack down on copper and suggested that we start using less of it going forward.

Old Business:

a) Ken Lukaszewski – Continued Well Permit Discussion

Patti Grafmyer updated the board. She said she called him, and he said he was going to rethink it. He has not reached back out.

Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to remove the Well Permit Discussion at this time until Ken Lukaszewski comes back to the board. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

b) Ray Cossey – Further Discussion on Shared Water Line in Redvale

Ray Cossey does not feel that what he and Jimmy are trying to do is any different than what Jeff Donaldson is doing as he feels they are basically mimicking what Jeff is doing, for the most part. He says that he and Jimmy are going to put in an easement, and it doesn't cross any lot lines, it will be within the utility easement. Utilities will have the right to "trespass" so there's no trespass issues, he doesn't believe. Patti Grafmyer clarified that the Donaldson project shared a trench but there is two service lines in the trench. Ray stated that that is exactly what they would be doing as well. They would be extending to the north approximately 200 to maybe 300 feet and then they would have two lines in the same trench with the service lines going from there. The NWC Board asked whether Ray had gotten ahold of the information for the legal description of the easement that they asked for before. Ray had not so they asked for that again. Finn Kjome asked Ray to draft up an agreement for our attorney to review and Ray agreed this would be done at his expense.

Staff Reports/Announcements

a) **Public Works Director's Report:**

Randy Harris states that we got the information to the engineers for Tony and Barclay Daranyi's property on County Road 43ZN to see if it is feasible to get a main line extension up there.

We had two more water breaks. One at the cemetery on our main line and one on Pigeon Drive on a two-inch line.

We have had some minor issues at the water plant. We have someone coming in to fix those and calibrate at the same time.

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1. **Chlorine & Turbidity Reports/Fluoride Report/Submitted:**

2. **Water Production versus Usage:**

We did lose a lot of water, but we don't have the production numbers tonight.

Board Member Reports:

Administration Reports:

Patti Grafmyer states that the rural housing wants to talk with Randy and herself prior to the planning and zoning meeting on Monday regarding raw water taps. She would like some direction because of when Cottonwood bought their 30 taps, they got a break. She was wondering if the Norwood Water Commission was amiable to the possibility of some sort of break if they bought 24 raw water taps all at once and they can figure out how to get the lines to each of those lots. She feels that since they are trying to keep their prices down that she wants to be prepared. Raw water taps currently cost \$4800.00 to purchase, plus installation. It was the general consensus that they could come and negotiate or have this conversation with the NWC Board.

Adjourn:

Motion by Ron Gabbett to adjourn the meeting at 7:49P.M. Mike Grafmyer seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

Approved:



Approved As Corrected:

Date:

2/8/22