

Norwood Water Commission  
Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 7:00P.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:** Vice Chairman – Finn Kjome, Jim Wells, Mike Grafmyer and Jim Jensen

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

**Absent:** Chairman – Ron Gabbett and Brad Campbell

**Others:** Jenny Russell

**Via Zoom** – Mike Bordogna – San Miguel County Manager and Cheryl Eades

**Review/Consent Agenda:**

There was a **Motion** by Jim Jensen to approve the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, minutes and the January 2023 bills and accounts with additions. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

**Board Member Additions to Agenda:**

**Public Walk-In Period:**

**New Business:**

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

Jim Wells nominated and made a **motion** for Finn Kjome as Chairman. Mike Grafmyer seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

Mike Grafmyer nominated and made a **motion** for Ron Gabbett as Vice-Chairman. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

**b) Cheryl Eades – Future Plans Regarding Continued Water Issues at Her Residence**

Cheryl Eades explained that the flushing of the hydrant was not working and that she could not go a week without changing her filters. She states that her well does not have the issue and that the Klines do not have the issue. She wants to know what will be done as soon as the weather will allow. Randy Harris explained that they continue to flush every week and that they don't know why she is having issues at her residence. He also states that the flushing is clean, and they have not heard from any of the neighbors. The NWC Board discussed suggestions as to how

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to resolve the issue Cheryl Eades is having. Finn Kjome suggested that we go down the county road with a new line for her.

Jim Wells made a **motion** to gather information on engineering and cost. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

c) *Presentation of the Future of San Miguel Project Water Shares – Mike Bordoqna, San Miguel County Manager*

Mike Bordoqna made a presentation regarding the future of the San Miguel Project water shares. He states that he does not have a full update as he needs direction from his board first. The San Miguel Water Conservancy District has a large amount of paper water rights they have been trying to progress with for years. San Miguel County and Sheep Mountain Alliance are remaining objectors. There are questions regarding the viability of all the paper water rights. They have been negotiating to try coming to a 3 party agreement on the amount of water deferring from the river, the storage capacity and the uses of that water. They are optimistic they can come to an agreement. They had heard that Sheep Mountain Alliance was going to file for abandonment of rights knowing there are such limited water rights and that water is the lifeblood of our communities. He approached the County and asked if they would be comfortable if they acquired a portion of the rights, to do the due diligence on them to keep them alive. The County gave him that permission. He approached Sheep Mountain Alliance with the information and asked if they would support it. Sheep Mountain is not supportive of transferring rights. He will take that information back to the Board of Commissioners and ask what steps to take next. In the meantime, Mike has spoken with Patti Grafmyer about the studies he had seen. Mike does see a need for the Norwood Water Commission based on expected growth in the Town of Norwood. The County's interest is that the Town of Norwood would be able to have a dependable source of potable water supply indefinitely into the future. We are also requesting to get additional water for supplemental agriculture irrigation. His number one goal is to ensure that as Norwood grows over the next decades that there is dependable water and if that means assuming some of these water rights then that potential could be kept alive.

**Old Business:**

**Staff Reports/Announcements**

a) *Public Works Director's Report*

Randy Harris says that all of our samples have come back good. We have produced a little over 4 million gallons. Filter Tech came in and did our quarterly calibrations. He has been in contact with SGM regarding our cistern design. He will have a cistern design ready for approval at the next meeting. He is unsure of how much water we lost due to the ice dam in front of the Pattishall's when we were filling the reservoir. The reservoir is now full.

b) *Board Members Reports*

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Finn Kjome updated the Board on a possible grant. He and Lauren have been working toward applying for a CDPHE Water Authority grant for \$300,000 for planning.

c) **Administrative Reports**

Patti Grafmyer let the Board know that we are working on getting Invoice Cloud up and running. The goal is to have it up and running by the end of the quarter. We will work on marketing beforehand. Painting is happening upstairs in the main office this weekend and the carpet will be pulled out tomorrow. We are currently operating out of the old Marshal's office.

**Adjourn:**

**Motion** by Jim Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 7:40P.M. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

**Approved:**

**Approved As Corrected:**

**Date:**



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