

Norwood Water Commission
Tuesday May 10th, 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 7:01P.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, Jim Wells, John Owens, Mike Grafmyer and Jim Jensen

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

Absent:

Others: Adrian Bergere, Jimmy Poole and Ray Cossey

Via Zoom – David Bruce

Review/Consent Agenda:

There was a **Motion** by Mike Grafmyer to approve the April 12th, 2022 minutes and May 2022 bills and accounts as presented. Finn Kjome seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

Board Member Additions to Agenda:

Jim Wells has gone to the Roundtable meeting and would like to update the board.

Public Walk-In Period:

New Business:

a) Adrian Bergere – SMWC Watershed Coalition Funding Request

Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to move Adrian Bergere's presentation down until his arrival as he is running late. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

b) Water Tap Discussion – Pinion Park Presentation, David Bruce

David Bruce came to give an update and presentation regarding Pinion Park subdivision. They are trying to do a similar project in Ridgway. He states that Norwood has been a pleasure to work with. Pinion Park should start looking like a neighborhood by the end of August. They have a work site camera that can be logged into and watched. He gave the board a financial update. They would like to sell these 24 units with Raw Water Irrigation System taps so they are asking for a reduced fee for each of the taps. They are installing all of their infrastructure main lines and will bring it into the lots. The current price for Raw Water taps is \$4800. Patti Grafmyer reminded the board that they gave Cottonwood Creek Estates a prince break for their Raw Water taps when they built their subdivision. Finn asked the board to give this some consideration as Pinion Park was actually doing all of their own infrastructure and installations. Ron Gabbett said that it would be about \$360.00 reduction per tap. Finn Kjome made a **motion** to give the reduced rate of \$2500 per Raw Water tap for Pinion Park. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

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Old Business:

a) **Updates to Material and Installation Specifications and Board Approval**

Randy Harris states that nothing has changed other than what was previously discussed. He took all the “likes” out and added in that we would require a that the backflow preventers be inspected and certified before approval.

Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to approve the updates to the Material and Installation Specifications. Jim Jenson seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

b) **Presentation of Easement Poole/Cossey, 35701 Highway 145 in Redvale – Jimmy Poole**

Jimmy Poole will have the utility easement verbiage written up by Chris Kennedy. He just wanted to present it to the board today. Patti Grafmyer asked for clarification of the easement image. Ray Cossey clarified that they would run two lines and two taps from the mainline. Mike Grafmyer stated that we need a drawing of what they are putting in the ground. Patti asked for clarification with this new plan where they will be sharing a trench and having their own service lines if this would need to go to our attorney. Finn Kjome said no. The easement with NWC is no longer an issue. If they get with Randy on the separation of taps if they get the green light to dig. The board agreed that he was good to start planning with Randy.

Staff Reports/Announcements

a) **Public Works Director’s Report**

Randy Harris states that he went to Ace Hardware and found no second service. He will verify that it is not teeing off anywhere when the water is ready to be turned on and will make sure that the new line will be going straight into the building. Randy updated the board regarding the Bryan Reed residence. On the 18th we plan on shutting down the mainline so that we can install the valve and repair the airvac. Ace Hardware will also be installing their meter. All the water samples came back good. Reservoir one is down 12 inches and Reservoir two is down 2 feet. We have not taken any new water in. Production did go up a little bit last month as we are up to 4.2 million gallons. They repaired the Raw Water leak today.

b) **Adrian Bergere – SMWC Watershed Coalition Funding Request**

Adrian Bergere arrived and made his presentation He said that they were interested in building a hydrologic system to learn how the ground water is impacted for water quantity and water quality. They would like to do a baseline study of Wright’s Mesa examining impacts of climate change and wildfire and will present opportunities for examining scenarios regarding agricultural water needs, ecological flows, restoration, flooding, etc. He is requesting funding to help support this project. Finn Kjome states that he doesn’t see how this would benefit the Norwood Water Commission at all. He doesn’t see the value since we are a small system. The board further discussed the matter and concluded to write a Letter of Support. Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to write a Letter of Support for Adrian Bergere regarding the SMWC Watershed Coalition. Finn Kjome seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

c) **Board Members Reports**

Jim Wells attended the Roundtable meeting. Things have changed. They had a limit of \$25,000.00 per project. Now they are giving grants for \$100,000.00 per project, possibly more if you could back up the need. The water supply reserve fund went away and he thinks they’re getting money

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that is coming straight through from the state. Your proposal has to be in a month prior to the Roundtable meeting when the proposal is presented. There are now two meetings for this a year. Laura Span who is the recorded is looking for a new person to take her place. The next approval meeting is in October. The approvals will not exceed \$750,000 in a given year.

d) Administrative Reports

Patti Grafmyer gave the updated amount for reservoir three which is now quoted at over 6 million dollars. The engineering will be \$250,000.00 which will make it a more shovel ready project. The board agrees that we need to move forward on the engineering so we can be shovel ready. She updated the board regarding the grant presentation that she and Amanda will be presenting in Golden, Colorado for the EIAF DOLA grant that David Bruce talked about. Mayor Meehan, Commissioner Holstrom and David Bruce will attend via zoom. Patti states that Ron Gabbett had requested that we have the board look at a draft letter regarding FWDC after we got an update from Dave Alexander in our last meeting regarding how much water we had actually negotiated. The board discussed the letter and decided just ask for additional water to open the conversation with FWDC and to go have a discussion with them before asking to be on their agenda. Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** that we send this letter to the Farmer's Water Development Company with the change of potentially purchasing additional water. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Ron Gabbett said that he needs a motion to go into Executive Session per C.R.S. 24.6.402(4)(e) for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instruction to negotiators. Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to go into Executive Session at this time for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instruction to negotiators C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) and/or C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) for the conference with the Norwood Water Commission attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on a specific legal question. Finn Kjome seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Executive Session has concluded.

Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to hire Adam Reeves and have him construct a letter to Amy Huff, attorney for Cossey to drop her challenge of the Norwood Water Commission status based on her inaccurate statement about how the Norwood Water Commission was formed and the extent of its jurisdiction to supply water outside of town, including the Redvale area. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Adjourn:

Motion by Mike Grafmyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:47P.M. Finn Kjome seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**

Approved:

Approved As Corrected:

Date:



6/21/22