

Norwood Water Commission
Tuesday March 8th, 2011-Regular Meeting
Norwood Community Center 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Chairman Finn Kjome called the meeting to the Norwood Water Commission to order at 7:04 P.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, Mike Grafmyer, Mark Muniz, Ron Gabbett, Jim Wells

Staff: Bunny Rowe/Secretary, Patti Grafmyer/Administrator, Tim Lippert/Public Works Director

Other: John Reams

Review/Consider Consent Agenda

Motion by Mike Grafmyer to approve the February 8th, 2011 minutes and the March bills and accounts as presented. Mark Muniz seconded the motion. **Yes**-Mike Grafmyer, Mark Muniz, Ron Gabbett, Jim Wells. **Motion passed.**

Board Member Additions

None

Public Walk-In Period

None

New Business

- a) **John Reams/RAC Committee Member for Wild & Scenic Designation on the San Miguel River**
John Reams asks the Board what all would they like to know about. Mike Grafmyer states that the NWC biggest concern is, does John know personally what the NWC will have to do to get some of the new water rights they are trying to perfect? If they designate Specie and Beaver wild, it will make it really difficult for the NWC to get their water across, if not impossible. John states that he had set down to eleven meetings and tried to get a solution for each segment. John states that through negotiations they did no private land and dropped some segments. Beaver Creek was agreed to be designated recreational with limitation on water rights that the NWC was filing for, and Saltato Creek was designated wild but water rights were not affected. John states that he went in front of the Southwest RAC Board, and they agreed to the designation that the BLM had in the report. John asks the Board if he could get some documentation from them to explain about the designation for the Beaver Creek pump station. Mike asks if a copy of the filing for the Beaver Creek pump station would be enough. John states that would work fine. Mike states that the Board appreciated all the efforts that John has put into this.

Old Business

Update on Membrane Filtration

1) Letter from Kellie Knowles of Westwater Engineering/Assessment of Micro Membrane Filter Plant Effectiveness to Control and Reduce Formation of Disinfection Byproducts

Finn Kjome states that the Board got a letter from Kellie Knowles of Westwater Engineering in their packets. Patti Grafmyer states that was the synopsis that the Board had asked for to start the conversation with Ken Charles of DOLA. Patti states that a letter was sent to Ken today with supporting documents of why the NWC needed to stay with the conventional filter set up they already have. The Board had a copy of the letter in front of them. Patti states that the reason she waited so long to send out the letter, she had not received the payment request from DOLA until yesterday. Patti states that she wanted to make sure everything was square with DOLA before the NWC started down another avenue.

Staff Reports/Announcements

a) Public Works Directors Report

1) Chlorine & Turbidity Reports/Fluoride Report/Submitted

Tim Lippert informed the Board that the water tests all came back good. Tim told the Board that there was a break in the ten inch main line on March 1st on Hwy 145 close to 44ZN Road. Tim states that the water storage was depleted down fairly low. Tim states that the repair went well, but was not sure what caused the break and that the blue tank got down to eight feet. The tanks just weren't filling and found that the man way on the blue tank was leaking extensively caused by the man way being bent and the gasket ruined. Tim states he thinks that an ice build-up caused the problem. Tim informed the Board that Mike Jakeman hooked up the blue tank low level and high flow alarms. Tim states that there was an issue with CDOT on the work zone area and that there would be a meeting with the District Manager on Friday March 11th, 2011. Tim states that he has ordered new work area cones for all the entities to use. Tim asked the Board for a vacation request for March 28th to April 4th, 2011. It was the consensus of the Board to approve the request.

b) Board Member Reports

None

c) Administrative Reports

Patti Grafmyer states that in front of the Board members is a black binder with a copy of the statement of oppositions that the NWC has and has been received and lists of opposer's to both applications. Patti states that attorney Janice Sheftel of Maynes, Bradford, Shipps & Sheftel was asked earlier in the week about having the legal team tell the NWC how they were going to defend the applications, if they can defend them and what it is going to take to do so. Patti states that talking with Janice, they want to wait until the end of March 2011, since the NWC filed the amendment people have until the end of March to file opposition. Patti states that she feels there are going to be some tough choices to be made at the joint meeting at the end of March with the Town, the NWC and the legal representatives. Patti states that they will have to decide how far they really want to go, depending on what it is going to cost. Patti states that she has been talking to Pete Foster and Warren Ryder about

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going back to the Round Table and the State Wide Fund to see if the NWC can get additional funding for legal fees and engineering in supporting the legal team to defend the applications.

Adjourn

Motion by Jim Wells to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 P.M. Mike Grafmyer seconded the motion. **Yes-** Mike Grafmyer, Mark Muniz, Ron Gabbett, Jim Wells. ***Motion passed.***

APPROVED:

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DATE:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sunny Rowe".

4-12-11