

Norwood Water Commission  
Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 7:00P.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** – Ron Gabbett, **Vice Chairman** – Finn Kjome, Brad Campbell, Jim Wells, Mike Grafmyer and Jim Jensen

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

**Absent:**

**Others:**           Mayor – Candy Meehan

**Via Zoom –**

**Review/Consent Agenda:**

There was a **Motion** by Finn Kjome to approve the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes and the December 2022 bills and accounts with the updated bills and accounts. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**

**Board Member Additions to Agenda:**

**Public Walk-In Period:**

Mayor Candy Meehan updated the NWC Board on the Wright’s Mesa Water Coalition regarding the request for proposal on the grant she is working on. She presented the proposals from both Bohannan & Huston as well as SGM. She just wanted to get direction as to which one we felt would be the best to go with. The board asked a few questions regarding Bohannan & Huston as they had not heard of them before. Candy explained that they were an engineering firm similar to SGM. The board expressed concerns due to the fact that Bohannan & Huston did not have a price and the fact that they were unfamiliar with them.

Jim Wells made a **motion** to choose SGM as we are familiar with their work, and they have a price. Finn Kjome seconded the **motion**. **All voted yes. Motion passed.**

**New Business:**

**a) Public Hearing – Rate Raise**

The NWC Board discussed how the rate raise would be implemented. Patti explained that it would \$2.00 on the monthly base rate.

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Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to approve the \$2.00 monthly base rate raise effective January 1, 2023. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

**b) Resolution 1213-W Series 2022, Approving 2023 Budget**

Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to approve the NWC 2023 Budget as presented. Finn Kjome seconded the **motion**. Mike Grafmyer abstained from voting as he is related to an employee. The rest of the Board voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

**Old Business:**

**a) Continued Discussion Regarding Funding**

Finn Kjome updated the Board regarding the grant he was helping with. He states that the article in the paper was good timing. However, he received an email stating that we do not qualify for it as it is not for Raw Water. Finn states that there is absolutely nothing in the paperwork explaining that it is for Raw Water but after doing some research he found out that it is indeed for Raw Water. As we did not qualify, he states that the paperwork was not submitted. We are still looking for funding and we are now ready for the next grant.

**Staff Reports/Announcements**

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

The Public Works Director's Report is hereunto attached.

**b) Board Members Reports**

**c) Administrative Reports**

Patti Grafmyer updated the Board regarding the rate study.

Patti and Randy met with Scott Thomas of Colorado Rural Water. He says that we are supposed to have 270 days of Capital to run on. We have several things to give to Scott. We are also looking at our tap fees. Scott also discussed the lead and copper rule that's coming, and we will have to do a study to find those. It will be up to the customer to replace them once we notify them. This will be mandated by the EPA and health department who will also be enforcing it.

Mike Bordogna asked for a copy of the Master Plan for San Miguel County. San Miguel County had 7500-acre feet and 12 cfs of storage. He would be glad to do a report for us. Patti asked for direction on this and the Board agreed to have Mike in January.

Patti presented her plan for the Employee Retention Gratuity. Brad Campbell made a **motion** to approve the Employee Retention Gratuity as presented. Mike Grafmyer seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed**.

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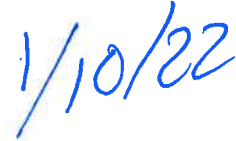
**Adjourn:**

**Motion** by Finn Kjome to adjourn the meeting at 8:16P.M. Brad Campbell seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. ***Motion passed.***

**Approved:**

**Approved As Corrected:**

**Date:**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott R. De..." with a stylized flourish at the end.A handwritten date in blue ink, "1/10/22", written in a slanted, cursive style.