

Norwood Water Commission
Monday, December 9, 2024 –Regular Meeting
1670 Naturita Street, Norwood, CO 81423
6:30pm

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Tony Daranyi called the regular meeting of the Norwood Water Commission to order at 6:31pm. The Norwood Water Commission of San Miguel County, State of Colorado, met in regular session at 1670 Naturita Street, Norwood, Colorado. Those present were as follows:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: **Chair** – Tony Daranyi, **Vice Chair** – Finn Kjome, Brad Campbell, Ryan Howe, Ray Cossey, and Jenny Russell

STAFF: Administrator – Amanda Pierce, Secretary – Shawny Darby, and ORC – Randy Harris

ABSENT:

OTHERS:

VIA ZOOM: Ellen Metrick, Robert Grossman, Terri Lamers, and Nancy Willis

PUBLIC WALK IN PERIOD

REVIEW AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of November 12, 2024
- B. Minutes of November 26. 2024
- C. November Financials

Finn Kjome made a **motion** to approve the consent agenda minus the November 12, 2024 minutes as Amanda Pierce had not had a chance to complete them yet. Jenny Russell seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion carried**.

BOARD BUSINESS

- A. Scot and Jamie Romaine – Leak Forgiveness

Brad Campbell made a **motion** to grant leak forgiveness to Scot and Jamie Romaine. Finn Kjome seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion carried**.

- B. Alicia Nogueira – Rate Reduction Request Due to Fire

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Jenny Russell made a **motion** to deny the rate reduction request as there are many who own unused taps and pay the minimum per the Norwood Water Commission Rules and Regulations. Finn Kjome seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion carried**.

C. Rate Increase

1. Staff Presentation
2. Community Input (Public Hearing)
3. Board Input
4. Board Decision

Amand Pierce presented the rate increase with two proposals and a potential discount for seniors and veterans. No public comment was given. The board discussed each proposal as well as the potential for senior and veteran discounts. There were concerns expressed regarding the potential discounts and concerns regarding future possible increases in rates and how impacted our customers could be. There were concerns that 10 percent could be too much. One board member expressed concerns that if we do not take measures now then we could potentially end up in the same boat as Telluride when they had to make a 70 percent increase almost overnight. The board agreed that the rates would need to be increased over time and that we should start doing it now so the impact isn't as hard on everyone. It was expressed that the possibility of discounts should be needs based for the future.

Jenny Russell made a **motion** to approve proposal number 1 with a 10 percent increase across all rates. Finn Kjome seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion carried**.

D. Resolution #1209-W, Series 2024 – A Resolution Summarizing Expenditures and Revenues Adopting a Budget for the Norwood Water Commission for the Calendar Year Beginning on the First Day of January, 2025 and Ending the Last Day of December. 2025

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4. Board Decision

Amanda Pierce presented the proposed Norwood Water Commission 2025 Budget. No public comment was given. The board discussed the proposed budget and made some changes based on input from the board members and staff. There was discussion regarding changes for the Norwood Water Commission banking as well.

Finn Kjome made a **motion** to remove former Town Administrator Patti Grafmyer from the Norwood Water Commission bank accounts and secure one procurement card for the Norwood Water Commission with no one's name on it with no more than a \$5000.00 limit. Jenny Russell seconded the **motion**. Ray Cossey **abstained** from voting due to coming in late and the rest of the board voted **yes**. **Motion carried.**

Jenny Russell made a **motion** to approve Resolution #1209-W, Series 2024 – A resolution summarizing expenditures and revenues adopting a budget for the Norwood Water Commission for the calendar year beginning on the first day of January, 2025 and ending on the last day of December, 2025 with changes as discussed. Ryan Howe seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **yes**. **Motion carried.**

Amanda will send the revised budget to the board.

E. Employee Bonuses

Amanda Pierce presented the Norwood Water Commission with a proposal for employee bonuses totaling \$14,500.00 split with the Norwood Sanitation District and the Town of Norwood. The NWC being responsible for the amount of \$5,100.00.

Jenny Russell made a **motion** to approve the bonuses as recommended by the staff in the amount of \$5,100.00. Ray Cossey seconded the **motion**. **All** voted **no**. **Motion rejected.**

The NWC Board discussed employee bonuses further.

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Ray Cossey made a **motion** to accept the proposal as recommended but to pay out the total of \$14,500.00 if the other boards do not agree to the proposed split. Ryan Howe seconded the **motion**. Brad Campbell, Finn Kjome, and Jenny Russell voted **no**. Ray Cossey and Ryan Howe voted **yes**. **Motion rejected**.

After final discussion, Jenny Russell made a **motion** to renew the initial motion to approve the bonuses as recommended by the staff in the amount of \$5,100.00. Brad Campbell seconded the **motion**. Finn Kjome voted **no**. All others voted **yes**. **Motion carried**.

F. CWCB Local Capacity Notice of Award – Jenny Russell

Jenny Russell updated the Norwood Water Commission the Notice of Award for the CWCB Local Capacity grant.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ryan Howe updated the Norwood Water Commission on what he knew regarding public sector funding and asked if we should go ahead and move forward. The NWC board discussed what the next steps would be and the general consensus was that we should move forward.

STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Randy Harris, Public Works Director

We are in the process of doing the end of the year sampling. We are replacing the heater at the water treatment plant. We lost the turbidity meter for the raw water. Reservoir 2 has been topped off.

- Amanda Pierce, Administrator


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Jason will be in contact with emails for everyone. We have not heard back from Scott Thomas regarding the rate study yet.

ADJOURN

Finn Kjome made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm. Brad Campbell seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion carried**.

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