

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on July 11th, at 6:00p.m. at the Aspen Springs Metropolitan District building located on Metro Drive in Unit 5 Aspen Springs Subdivision. Elected board members Dick Warring, Pam Wallis, and Jame Venturini were in attendance, as were appointed members Kenneth Barber and Shane Tuller, and employee Carey Brown. Three property owners attended.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by elected Chairperson, Dick Warring.

Minutes

Jame made a motion to approve the July minutes as read, seconded by Ken; all in favor.

Public Works

- Carey said they'd finished grading most of the road, and would be doing some work in Unit 6 to get ready for winter.
- Some money had to be spent on the backhoe to keep it going; the repair bill should be under \$1000.
- There had been some debris, rumored to be from the Bear Creek site, dumped on the Metro easement on Hurt Drive. After some investigation and property owners taking action, the debris was removed by the contractor that had deposited the material.
- Ken asked about the water station being down for a week. Carey said that the coin collector had been damaged, and that he had ordered parts and it was repaired the day before. He also stated that he had observed several people over time who would insert coins faster than the machine could keep up, which would lead to the machine jamming. Shane asked if someone poking around in the coin slot with a pocketknife could have caused said damage. Carey said he wasn't sure, but it could possibly have damaged the machine. Shane said that he had reviewed the tape and found an individual digging in the coin slot with a knife for 15 minutes. Shane said he would take some screenshots from the video and forward them to the board and Carey to see if the individual was recognized, and that the Sheriff would be contacted after the video was reviewed.

Treasurer's Report

- Jame: The district had \$386,706 in cash assets, and \$1,741,212 in total assets and property as of the end of June. Total income for June was \$37,493, with year to date income of \$249,746. Total property tax income YTD is \$138,571, which is 79% of this year's budgeted income. Total income YTD for the water depot is \$11,106, which is 48% of this year's budgeted income. Total expenses for June are \$34,402, and YTD of \$192,102, which is 52% of the budget. The primary expense for June was to Desert Mountain Corp, and to the health insurance, in the amounts of \$27,698, and \$2,621, respectively.
- Jame brought up the issue of the discrepancy in the gravel budget; the accountant had made an error and included the mag chloride in the gravel budget. This issue had been corrected in the new month's report, and gravel was back under budget.
- Shane made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as read, seconded by Pam; all in favor.

Old Business

- Ken asked if Carey could grade the parking lot at the Pavilion, as someone had been doing donuts in the parking lot, and had torn up the gravel.
- Ken said that he had worked with Walter on the mowing of the golf course, and asked about installing some steps in the ditch between courses. Ronnie mentioned that the donation the Aspen Springs Property Owners Association had made could be used to purchase some railroad ties to hold up the bank and fabricate some steps for the course.
- There was discussion about the thistle, and about mitigation possibilities. There was the option of buying a dedicated tractor and mower for weed abatement on the easements, or buying weed killer from the county. Dick said that part of the issue with using chemical weed killer was that there was a large outcry from property owners about using chemicals on the roadsides, and that it was inordinately costly to have the employees attempt to spray and avoid properties with 'No Spray' signs. Carey said that the larger weeds would bog down the mower and make the job take longer than it should. Carey said the County sprays the weeds, regardless. Other options for weed abatement would be investigated.

New Business

- There was a property owner that wanted to combine two lots into one. The

county had submitted the request to the Board for input. There was some discussion on formal vs. legal combining of lots, and repercussions of that adjointment on easements and right-of-ways.

- Pam made a motion to approve the consolidation on lots 355 and 356 in Unit 5, on the conditions that any existing road easements and right-of-ways remain intact and unchanged. Shane seconded; all in favor.
- Dick said that he'd received a letter from the State Water Board about the water station, and that the final forms for certification of water rights needed to be filed. Giuseppe would file the forms. Dick asked Shane to make a note to review this agenda item at the next meeting.
- Carey mentioned that there was a property on Indian Land Road that the District owned the water rights to, and that it was for sale. The real estate agent would be notified of these facts, as the previous owners were apparently unaware that they did not have water rights to the property.
- Jame said that the Forest Service had mailed a notice to the District about upcoming prescribed burns.
- Pam said that on Saturday, while the water station was inoperable, Blair spent the day at the station, and worked the station manually for people. There was some discussion about why the station wasn't working. Dick asked if a dispersement of \$40 to Blair for his time was appropriate. The board agreed it was. The issue of vandalism and damage to the water station was discussed. Shane said the video of the incident would be submitted to the Sheriff.

Property Owner's Concerns

- Ronnie said that the Metro credit card needed to be transferred from Kelly to Jame, and that the responsibility of the card needed to be changed from the Treasurer to the District. She also mentioned that any time there's an issue with the water station there should be a program in place to post it to the various Facebook groups in order to let everyone know.
- Kelly brought up the issue of the sheep. The DA hasn't been doing anything about the situation. Dick said that the District could write a letter to the Attorney General, and ask what the District's recourses are. Ronnie said that the District could mail a certified letter to Keno every month detailing his sheep's trespassing to document the situation for future litigation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM

