

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Aspen Springs Metropolitan District building located on Metro Drive in Unit 5 Aspen Springs Subdivision. Elected board members Kenneth Barber, Pam Wallis, Eric Davidson, & appointee Chris DeVries were in attendance and member Kelly Evans attended via conference call. One employee attended. Two property owners and three presenters attended.

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 18:00 by Kenneth Barber

**Approval of previous Minutes**

- March’s minutes were approved. – **Motion**: Kelly, 2nd: Pam, Passed unanimous

**Public Works / Well**

- Carey: Dan Harper from Archuleta County contacted him, noting that after the sale of property behind Turkey Springs Store the new owner(s) would like to close off the “road” behind the store (cut-off between Badger/Cty 146 and Meadowlark Lane). The road is not an easement road, and we do not receive HUTF funds for it. **Kenneth: No more maintenance for this road.**
- Pulling as much gravel as we can, a total of 166 25-ton loads.
- The cost of Mag Chloride has risen from \$0.86 to \$1.089 – meaning the “extra three loads” budgeted for have been negated by higher costs, and we are still \$3k over budget!
- Pam: The cliff dwellers on Raccoon Drive received another complaint letter from Pam. This time, they responded to Dan Harper in a positive way, asking what they can do immediately. The saga continues ...
- Eric received the “Consumer Confidence Report from the CO Dept of Health and Environment – **Eric to post at Buttercup and on Website**
- Giuseppi is planning to retire soon and needs a replacement – Level 3 Water Technician. Marsha is studying to take on the role. **We need to determine to cost(s) associated wit this training and eventual service.**

**Treasurer's Report / Desert Mountain**

- Kelly presented March financial report based on the P & L statement generated by the new accounting firm CRS:

|                         |             |                                |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>March</b>            | <b>2024</b> |                                |
| Total Cash (Beginning): | \$384,008   | Total Cash (Ending): \$417,976 |
|                         | YTD (\$)    | % of Budget                    |

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|--|--------------------------|-------|
| Total Income                                 | 182,036                  | 29    |
| Property tax income                          | 123,577                  | 30    |
| Water Depot Income                           | 3,946                    | 20    |
| HUTF income                                  | 42,664                   | 29    |
| Total Expenses                               | 148,068                  | 25    |
| Primary/Major expenses (% of annual budget): | Accounting (127)         | 4,309 |
|  | Professional/Legal (161) | 4,826 |
|  | Equipment-other (652)    | 3,259 |

- Tax receipts are ahead of budget
- Accounting costs are primarily due to the costs of the change of firms
- Legal due to DM and other recent issues
- **Kenneth: Assure these added costs (accounting, legal, MgCl<sub>3</sub> and any other costs are accounted for in the October adjustment)**
- Moving monies back to Colorado Trust to be able to earn more short-term interest.
- **Motion** to approve March Financial Report: Eric, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pam, Passed Unanimous
- Desert Mountain: Teresa is in final round of letter revision for WBR&A and will send it out shortly.

#### Review SDA calendar

- No SDA-type activities until July.
- **Eric** to continue getting the DOLA site updated (6 docs accepted, more to complete the update)

#### Budget / Election

- Reminder to adjust budget as necessary to accommodate expense realities

#### Park / Fire

- Kenneth reported that awning, volleyball net & port-a-potty need to be installed.
- Many go-karts and motorized scooters/cycles traversing the green belt areas and park.
  - **Pam to put together cease & desist letters for violators of the “no motorized vehicles in green belt” rule**
  - **Kenneth & Carey to procure and install “Horse statement & no motorized vehicle” signage around the park periphery.**
- Bob Milford and Matt Ford made a presentation on behalf of the San Juan Headwaters Partnership. They have a regular meeting every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month (Apr 19). They are working on collaborative forest restoration, and focusing on priority areas – such as Aspen Springs. They want to reduce risk of catastrophic wildland fire by improving the wildland/urban interface, power corridors, the Ute reservation, and the Cat Creek area. The organization(s) do not want to dictate or legislate, but provide ways to connect to the appropriate fire mitigation resources. The current areas of public education are in HOA’s and Small Districts.

There is a lot of federal funding available through state, Forest Service, & NRCS conduits. “We just need to get the funding into action” through the Wildfire Adapted Partnership.

- **Eric to post a request for a “Firewise Ambassador” on the ASMD website**
- **The Spring Clean-up is an excellent opportunity to market the funding & services available**

### **Old Business**

- **Kenneth:** Oak Hills Ranch HOA investigation continues, with a lot of historical data collected thus far, and more known to exist, we just need to be able to access it. All further Oak Hills-related discussions will be on hold until the data collection is complete and counsel has been consulted.
  - **Kenneth** to coordinate a clear THANK YOU to Shane Tuller for his excellent help in locating important documents!
- Eric reported he had made a public comment at the last BOCC meeting – not as a representative of the board but as a concerned citizen – regarding the plan to suspend enforcing zoning, dog control, and nuisance laws.
- Ronnie Z: Computer help is available (Jane of all trades) at \$50/hr to sort out Carey’s and other issues on the ASMD desktop computer. Hired and will do service on 15 April, 2024.

### **Lot Consolidations**

- Lot Consolidation Requests this month.
  - None received
  - No Notice of Property at Tax Lien Sale received

### **New Business**

- Kevin Bruce, Archuleta County Transportation Coordinator, presented a request for support of a Park-n-Ride depot at the intersection of Hurt and Hwy 160 (22 Hurt Drive). CDOT properties have been transferred to Archuleta County, and a Design & Engineering budget has been approved to determine the total cost of the project. Kevin is applying for Federal 5339 Funds for a bridge, parking Area, bus stop, and lighting. This will extend public transportation much further from Bayfield, enabling routes to connect to Grand Junction and Denver – the entire state. Construction, if approved, will begin next year.
  - **Motion:** **Compose a letter of approval for the project and do what the board can to support this endeavor.** Kenneth, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Eric, Unanimous
  - Kevin provided a flyer requesting public feedback on the idea
  - **Eric to complete the approval letter and post link to the information collection site on ASMD website**
- There is a SDA workshop in Durango on June 21 – All board members are encouraged to attend, and new SDA manuals will be distributed
- CSD Safety pool funds: \$1,314 added in 2024, \$3,990 available for use!

- **Carey** encouraged to look into “Toolbox safety briefings” as a way to reduce or mitigate our insurance costs.

**Property Owners’ Concerns**

- No property owners’ concerns were raised

Meeting adjourned at 19:10 by Kenneth Barber