

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on August 13th, 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, Kelly Evans, Pam Wallis (via Conference Call), Eric Davidson, & appointee Chris DeVries were in attendance. Two employees attended. Three property owners attended.

Call to Order

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

Approval of previous Minutes

- July's minutes were approved. – **Motion**: Kelly, 2nd: Kenneth, Passed unanimous

Public Works / Well

- Carey: One of the picnic tables at Ute park was a victim of arson. Fortunately, Kelly witnessed the crime and was able to report it to authorities. The table needs to be repaired and/or replaced, and the perp will be tasked with the cost.
- Hurt Bridge has a tunneling pocket that looks like it may be undermining the bridge supports. Apparently, the conversation with Dan Harper was not beneficial. County Road & Bridge gave us the contact info for an engineering firm, clearly shirking responsibility.
 - **Board: While the County Road and Bridge Department is looking for the latest Bridge Inspection Report for Hurt Bridge, they can also exercise their fiduciary and public safety role to contact the engineering firm directly and assess the status of the bridge, ASAP.**
- Asphalt approach between Hwy 160 and Buttercup was completed in a less-than-satisfactory manner. No proper underlayment/bonding on the West side and sharp bumps at both ends of the approach negated the need for their future services. Carey states he and Ryan will complete the other approach(es).
 - **Pam to write a letter to asphalt company's insurance company alerting them to the possible bonding failure on the west side of Buttercup approach.**
- Getting plows mounted on the trucks next month at Lampert Hitch in Denver. **Kelly to communicate to Joan these costs are to be capitalized.**
- Drainages and culverts are plugging up and it is taking a lot of labor to keep them open. This is a big problem and we are not doing more than just keeping up.
 - **We are asking for the public's help by removing organic material from over the ditch line (trees, branches, and leaves primarily) which contribute to the plugging of culverts and flooding of roadways.**
- Pam: Century Link – sent Kyle a letter, will give him a call
- Still need a Design Specification/Bid Specification for Buttercup storage tank

- Missing Gopher Lane sign – **Carey to replace signs as they are noted**

Treasurer's Report

- Kelly presented July’s financial report
- Our cash position is good as Joan is keeping the proper amount of funds liquid while maximizing funds in interest-bearing accounts.
- Revenues are as expected and expenses are in-line with the overall budget, but some lines are over-used and others are under-used. Working with the new accounting firm and adjusting the budget lines accordingly in the October supplemental budget will help.
- **Motion** to approve July’s Treasurer’s Report Eric, 2nd Chris, Passed unanimous

July	2024	
Total Funds (Beginning): \$384,008		Total Funds (Ending): \$539,144
	YTD (\$)	% of Budget
Total Income	544,933	87
Property tax income	364,234	87
Water Depot Income	13,771	69
HUTF income	108,099	75
Total Expenses	387,475	65
Primary/Major expenses for the month:	GMCO – Mag supplier	42,350
	Perfect Parking – Approach asphalt	10,000
	CRS – Accounting firm	2,061

- We received a bill from Desert Mountain, requesting the original \$21,102.48 as well as an additional \$7,000 in finance charges
 - **Motion: Kelly – Move to offer Desert Mountain what we owe, but ask to have the finance charges removed, pending our attorney’s approval. 2nd Chris, Passed unanimous**

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 by Kenneth Barber

Executive session called into session at 6:33 by Kenneth Barber to discuss Desert Mountain and OHPOA

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Review SDA calendar

- No SDA-type activities until September.

Budget / Election

- No new info

Park / Fire

- Diatomaceous Earth and Sevin were applied to the play area at the park.
- We must get better signage at the park to avoid unnecessary liability questions, such as “Play at your own risk”, “Park Rules ...”, “No Overnight Parking”, “Open Dawn to Dusk”, or similar signs which can come out of the safety budget and the safety pool funds.

- Port-a-Potty tipped over and other vandalism acts (see Public Works section)
- Gopher management activities have been highly successful! **Carey to strike tops of gopher hills as soon as conditions allow**
- Bill submitted to Joan for Chipperpalooza costs (\$380.40) and requested check to be made to C & H Contracting for reimbursement of services.

Old Business

- No new information from Oak Hills board of directors

New Business

- **Eric to contact Desert Mountain with offer.**
- **Eric to send attorney the latest Road Maintenance Agreement between the County and the District**
- **Kenneth to send record of annual payments by OHPOA**
- **Eric to add Surety Bond info to State website**

Lot Consolidations

- Lot Consolidation Requests this month.
 - Unit 6, Lots 550 and 551. APPROVED
 - No Notice of Property at Tax Lien Sale received

Property Owners' Concerns

- Two property owners brought up Carol's Curves and the safety concerns due to ice build-up in the winter due to shady road conditions. Can the trees be removed? The answer isn't quite so clear as the roads and right-of-way are sometimes not in the same spot. Carey will work directly with the homeowners to see what trees can/should be felled, and will save the wood for the owners.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 by Kenneth Barber