

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on October 8th, 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, Eric Davidson, & appointee Chris DeVries were in attendance. One employee attended. Two property owners attended.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 18:01 by Kenneth Barber

Approval of previous Minutes

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

Since there were budget issues to sort out and property owners present to speak, Kenneth adjusted the agenda to accommodate.

Property Owners' Concerns

- Sam Johnson updated the board on latest actions regarding installation of new Post Office cluster boxes. A letter was sent to Commissioner Medina requesting an Account Manager to handle the acceptance of checks for box purchase to support residents to obtain these cluster boxes with an independent and reliable accounting.
- Jeff Bohrer updated the board on the plan for multi-use Sport Courts in the Ute Park area to introduce Pickle Ball to the West side of Pagosa as well as a ½ Basketball Court. The County Administrator, Jack Harper, has recently moved to Aspen Springs. Since there are apparently big plans brewing for the County that will need big funding, the multi-use courts should request funding under the 'Conservation Fund' which the State would reimburse for suitable purposes. However, the last time something like this was attempted, the invoicing was not handled properly, and the County couldn't get reimbursed. Would ASMD be willing to be the "General Contractor" as well as donator of the land?
 - **RESOLUTION 10-8-24-1**
 - Aspen Springs Metro District will oversee the Multi-use Court Project and bill the County accordingly. Jeff Bohrer will be the coordinator of a committee to execute the plans and to work with Carey on all land work and to bill the County through Joan. Jeff also has the backing of the Board as an agent for dealing with the County. The Board has final say on all expenditures.
 - Proposed by Kenneth, 2nd by Kelly, passed unanimous
 - Jeff to put together an 'Intergovernmental Agreement' to clarify all responsibilities.

Public Works / Well

- Pam: Wrote a basic letter for the paver's insurance company and requests

additional guidance regarding the details. Carey to clarify the necessary information to assure proper insurance company support in the future.

- Carey requested Pam to contact asphalt company to at least grind the approaches, so the snow plow doesn't impact them.
- **Annual cleaning at Buttercup water station has been postponed until Oct 23 & 24**
- Carey: Tried to contact Desert Mountain for estimate on 2025 pricing for Mag Chloride and Lignin Sulfinate. No reply
 - **Eric to contact Doyle Villars to get estimates**
- No further info from Ronnie Zaday, as she is recovering from surgery.
- Eric: Property Owner from Elk Drive in Aspen unit 1 complained about new foundation work, driveway's, etc. being done on 373 Elk Drive with no permits. Directed owner to two possible resolutions: Contact Errol Lord at County Enforcement, or lodge a complaint with the Sheriff's office, or both.

Treasurer's Report

- Kelly noted with concern that we are rapidly reaching a point where a volunteer board cannot keep up with State requirements, then presented the September Treasurer's Report.
- **Motion** to approve September's Treasurer's Report Eric, 2nd Pam, Passed unanimous

September	2024		
Total Funds (Beginning):		\$384,008	Total Funds (Ending): \$476,309
		YTD (\$)	% of Budget
Total Income		627,181	100
Property tax income		395,873	95
Water Depot Income		18,416	92
HUTF income		142,422	98
Total Expenses		534,880	90
Primary/Major expenses for the month:		Lampert Hitch	19,066
		Day Lumber	3,756
		CRS (Accountant)	3,204

- State of Colorado received their "Exemption for 2024 Audit"
- Kelly completed the Colorado Special District Pool 2025 renewal for Property and Liability insurance.
- Kelly completed the 2025 Open Enrollment for the County Health Pool.

Review SDA calendar

- See Election & Budget

Election

- We need an Election Coordinator to help coordinate the May 2025 election. This Election Coordinator must be in place before January 15, when the first election materials must be distributed - Notice to Electors
- Eric to look up when Mill Levies are voted on, as well as send Pam a form for Nominee for Office.

Park / Fire

- Kelly: The victim's reimbursement from the State for the cost of the vandalism

in Ute Park is held up because the DA will not release necessary information despite many messages/requests. Not enough info to submit a victim's claim.

- Eric: A property owner from Robin Drive had some questions about wildfire mitigation efforts. She was directed to Bill Trimarco and the Wildfire Adapted Partnership for further information and possible reimbursement opportunities.

Old Business

- Our Attorney received a "Cease and Desist" letter from OHPOA attorneys. What's up with that? Kenneth noted that apparently, there is an Interim Board put together to organize an actual board, who will then attend an ASMD meeting. In other words, all hearsay until otherwise confirmed. Any additional info should be shared with Board members immediately.

New Business

- Pam: Pastor Mark from Amazing Grace Church requested approval to hold a bonfire at Ute Park on October 19th from 6 to 8 pm. They are getting the required fire permits and will have a water truck at the pavilion.
 - Permission granted provided the park is cleaned up within 48 hours.

Lot Consolidations

- No lot consolidations requested

Budget

- To assure a positive balance to the 2024 budget, an extra \$50,000 should be added to the General Fund.
 - **RESOLUTION 10-8-24-2**
 - Aspen Springs Metro District will transfer \$50,000 from Reserve Funds to the General Fund to assure a balanced budget
 - Proposed by Kenneth, 2nd by Kelly, passed unanimous
 - **RESOLUTION 10-8-24-3**
 - Aspen Springs Metro District Board accepts the Proposed 2025 Budget as submitted.
 - Proposed by Kenneth, 2nd by Eric, passed unanimous
- Eric to assure we aren't missing any forms and submit the required document(s) to the CO-DOLA website, post the budgets at the Public Notice boards, and place an ad in the Pagosa Sun before 15 Oct.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 by Kenneth Barber