

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on September 10th, 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~~ (excused due to illness), Pam Wallis, Eric Davidson, & appointee Chris DeVries were in attendance. One employee attended. Three property owners attended.

Call to Order

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

Approval of previous Minutes

- August's minutes were approved. – **Motion**: Pam, 2nd: Chris, Passed unanimous
 - Request to add “no decisions were made” at the end of executive session documentation to assure compliance to open meeting requirements.

Public Works / Well

- Carey: This Monday, our trucks will go out for snow plow mounting. Since this is part of a capital expense, Joan will provide a check for Carey to deliver upon successful completion.
- Missing signs have been ordered and will be installed upon arrival.
- Buttercup water station will undergo annual cleaning 1st & 2nd week of October. Calls placed to potential suppliers and awaiting callback to request a quote for an epoxy coating which is necessary for the long-term performance of the Buttercup station.
- The issue(s) at King's Court are tentatively resolved with pallets removed. Owner is still using the electrical easement for property access in winter months.
- 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.
- As part of the resolution with Desert Mountain, we have agreed to explore the idea of using Lignin Sulfinate (Lig) as a replacement for Magnesium Chloride (Mag) for dust control and road durability. It can be used as a blend with Mag, or used exclusively at greater expense, more labor intensive, but longer-lasting.
- The Ute Park vandalism case has been turned over to the DA, and the lid has been slammed shut on any further information coming out in the short-term.
- The company Chemical Research has re-requested information regarding water treatment chemical usage. A reply has been made (no chemicals purchased within the dates identified) and no further communication is expected.
- Ronnie Zaday had done some research to understand why we have had no meaningful response from Archuleta County regarding Hurt Bridge and the structural concerns. It turns out that Hurt and other bridges in the Aspen Metro

were not added to the “National Bridge Inventory” and must be added to the registry in order to be regularly inspected and repaired as necessary. Natasha Butler with “Off System Bridges” at C-DOT will help get original bridge contract, coordinates, plans, dimensions (ie abutments, etc), and an Inspector’s report assessing “fair” or “poor” condition. This will get the bridge(s) onto the national registry, which then makes it eligible for grant funds available for bridge repairs where the State hands out Federal grant money to local counties for repair activities done under federally-approved engineers and inspectors. Your taxes, hard at work paying for official rent seekers for good or otherwise.

- Pam and Carey to interface with Ronnie. Eric to send oldest & newest road (& bridge) list to Ronnie.

Treasurer's Report

- In Kelly’s absence, Kenneth presented August’s financial report as shared by Kelly
- **Motion** to approve August’s Treasurer’s Report Eric, 2nd Chris, Passed unanimous

August	2024	
Total Funds (Beginning):		\$384,008
Total Funds (Ending):		\$487,957
		YTD (\$)
		% of Budget
Total Income		586,863
Property tax income		380,474
Water Depot Income		16,528
HUTF income		125,305
Total Expenses		482,914
Primary/Major expenses for the month:	Desert Mountain - Mag supplier	21,102
	Standard Oil	13,000
	Crossfire Aggregate	7,500

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

Executive session adjourned at 6:49 by Kenneth Barber
 No decisions were made during the Executive Session

Meeting called into session at 6:50 by Kenneth Barber

- Request our Attorney to contact WRB & Assoc.’s Attorney to request funds in compensation for negligent accounting support.

Review SDA calendar

- No SDA-type activities until September.

Budget / Election

- October meeting must have two budgets in the DOLA format ready for review: Supplemental 2024 budget to cover any expected shortfalls, and a draft 2025 Budget
- We need an Election Coordinator to help coordinate the May 2025 election.

- When will be the next opportunity to request a Mill Levy change? The existing mill levy has not been changed since 1994
- We should form a committee to generate promotional materials since the last levy vote failed and was followed by many, “If Ida understood it, Ida voted for it!”

Park / Fire

- No new news presented

Old Business

- No new information from Oak Hills board of directors, but one Property Owner communicated that the entire Oak Hills board had been dissolved by majority resolution and the newly-elected board will attend the next meeting or two to negotiate a long-term agreement between ASMD and Oak Hills POA

New Business

- Keyah Grande has applied for a conditional use permit for a public rifle/pistol range
- Kevin Torres from Archuleta County has stated the county is beginning to move on faulty/non-existent septic systems. Need to generate a list of properties we’d like to be addressed. Also, please invite Errol Lord to the next meeting.

Lot Consolidations

- No lot consolidations requested

Property Owners’ Concerns

- Jeff Bohrer proposed 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. He was requesting information on next step(s). The estimated cost is \$103,000 with much of the labor to be donated by area volunteers.
 - **Motion:** Kenneth proposed to an in-kind contract pending further information regarding true cost(s). Our involvement would include land and leveling services as well as supporting future development. 2nd Chris, Passed Unanimous
- Sam Johnson requested additional information on Mail Boxes and how to get some for multiple owners. ASMD will support foundation work and installation once all authorities are aligned and sated.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 by Kenneth Barber