

**ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on April 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Aspen Springs Metropolitan District building located on Metro Drive in Unit 5 Aspen Springs Subdivision. Board members Glenn Robinson, Dick Warring, Kelly Evans, Al Gardner, and Pam Wallis were in attendance. District employees Carey Brown and Roy Stevens were at the meeting as were fourteen property owners.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by appointed Board Chairperson, Glenn Robinson.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Carey Brown: They've been hauling gravel and grading roads and began the mag chloride application. They are awaiting more gravel to finish the roads for the year. The person that was spraying the herbicide will not be available this year so Carey will be doing that himself. He went over issues that he discussed with Frank Ratliff about liabilities and qualifications on getting someone to do the spraying for us. Herbicide spraying will begin around the second week of May. Loretta Thomas announced that "no spray" signs have been ordered and will be available upon request. Carey stated that due to diminished funds, we will only be able to get nine loads (two from last year, purchased seven) of mag when we actually need approximately twelve loads, so there will be some roads not getting the application. One load cost approximately \$3,000 (\$.687/gal). Dick mentioned that the budget will actually allow another load to be purchased.

**MINUTES:**

Kelly made a motion to approve the March minutes as written; seconded by Dick Warring; all in favor. Dick made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of March 27, 2014; seconded by Al Gardner; all in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

District treasurer Kelly Evans reported the following information: the District had \$261,719 in cash assets, and \$1,612,624 in total assets and property (including the value of the new water fill station) as of the end of the month of March. Total income for the month of March was \$67,684 with year to date income of \$86,311. The total income YTD is 24% of budget for 2014. Total property tax income YTD is \$57,988 which is approximately 31.78% of budget for 2014 of \$182,470. Total income YTD for the water depot is \$4,945 which is 20.6% of total budgeted of \$24,000. Total expenses for March is \$25,817 and YTD of \$93,525 which is 27% of budget. Primary expenses for March were \$5,978 to western Refining, \$1,814 to Old West Press, and \$7,564 to C&J Gravel. Discussion on water depot: Kelly stated that the revenue was down by a few dollars over the past couple days;

Carey said it could be due to the flushing of the system. The tank was recently flushed and cleaned and looked real good. Minor adjustments were made. Total production of well to date is 849,380 gallons per Kelly's log. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Pam Wallis; seconded by Dick Warring; all in favor.

### **ELECTION INFORMATION**

Glenn announced all of the candidates' names as they stood up and introduced themselves. Joanne Mihotz inquired on the judges; there will be five judges (Terry Misek, Ed Kettle, Mark Disbrow, Patty Brown, and Carolyn Ullrich). Eligible individuals to vote would be: 1)- resident of Aspen Springs and registered to vote in Colorado; 2)- property owner of Aspen Springs and registered to vote in Colorado. Todd Shelton inquired on the reporting of the audit to the State; any candidate who has received or spent \$200 or more on the election, it has to be reported. Ballots will be mailed between the 14th and the 18th of April.

### **PROPERTY OWNER'S CONCERNS**

Loretta Thomas announced that there are "no spray" signs available at \$3.00 each. Kelly asked DC Duncan about the town election results. Steve Keno asked when the spraying will begin. Ronnie Zaday clarified the charges from the Old West Press along with the postage for newsletter and ballots. A property owner, Joan, inquired on what the herbicide spraying was for. Pam Wallis asked Carey to clarify to the other property owners that by posting the "no spray" signs, that just releases the liability from the district and now puts it onto the property owner. Carey brought up that some individuals are posting on neighboring properties. Carey also said there are two alternatives to the Mag spraying, however they are considerably more expensive. Jeff asked how often the herbicide is sprayed (once/year). Zhen and Sharon provided alternative ways to kill the thistles. Glenn offered to solicit any information on killing thistles on the website or future newsletters. Ricky announced the Potluck on Saturday at 2:00 for a "Meet and Greet" for the candidates. Sharon inquired on a porta-potty for events (that will be discussed later on in the meeting). Glenn is going to provide emails of candidates to the Pagosa Sun to keep up with the election.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Newsletter was mailed. Glenn announced the total cost \$1,755.31, including postage; 2,301 mailed total.
- \$2,200 total cost on election.
- Kelly talked about the outdoor bulletin board.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Dick brought up an error in the audit. The auditor stated we had gone over budget due to the water station, however there was a motion made in October 2013 which we had increased the budget so the minutes of that meeting are being forwarded and he can correct the audit. Approving the audit is tabled until next meeting after it's corrected.
- Kelly and Dick clarified the history of the Gazebo's funding. The County had grant funding five to six years ago. Pat Ullrich and the Aspen Springs Community Pride approached the County regarding that grant to get the gazebo built which was approved. The grant was called a "Matching Grant" which matched funds put into the construction.

The County provided \$30,000 and ASMD provided labor and equipment. Later on, tables, nets, etc. were purchased. There was also a \$4,000 grant received from the County for the Frisbee golf course. The park was put in unit 5 because it was the largest area of land to be dedicated for this purpose. Inquiry on trees was made by a property owner, however there isn't enough water (planting was previously attempted) at this location.

- The subject of a porta-potty for the Gazebo area was brought up again. Property owner's wanted one to be delivered prior to the potluck on this upcoming weekend. Dick had made a call to Alpine and got prices for leasing for a few months vs having one delivered for the weekend only. \$100 for one weekend; or \$110/month for a minimum of a six month lease. Glenn believes that we should try it for a couple months. Since Alpine's position is six month minimum, Glenn made a motion to "try" to get it for three months, but if we have to get it for six, we'll approve that; seconded by Al Gardner; all in favor. Pam suggested she call her neighbor, Les Sheppard of A-1 Septic, and see if we can get different prices and options. Dick agreed.

- Glenn talked about the maintenance for Oak Hills. Carey said that their road cannot be mag'd due to it needs gravel. The fee they pay the ASMD currently is \$1,800/year and this should be revisited in a near future meeting due to the increase in material prices.

Discussion on how to stretch the supply of gravel and mag due to the budget cuts was made. One of the problems is people driving way too fast. Carey also announced that if the public would keep their speeds to 25 mph max, the mag application would last the entire year.

- Glenn researched a couple things on the water fill station. Color coating the outside was one issue. Quickrete could be used (which is a sealant) and will pass inspection. He estimated the cost would be about \$400-\$500 and perhaps our crews could apply it or we could hire someone (estimated at one to one and half days). Kelly researched a material called Restore that would do similar.

- Ronnie stated that the budget had been increased by \$20,000 for the water station and only \$13,000 of that was used, so there should be a little extra in the budget for the water station completion.

- Glenn made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 (for labor and materials) to purchase and apply the sealant at the Buttercup Water Depot; seconded by Dick; all in favor.

- Kelly advised that whomever the new board members are next month, they should make a trip to the water station and go over everything that needs to be addressed prior to next winter season. There was discussion of moving the heaters due to drainage.

- 7:35 pm: Dick made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Glenn; all in favor.