

**ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**  
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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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 Ken Barber (Chair), Pam Wallis (via conference call), Jame Venturini, and appointee Eric Davidson were in attendance, as was employee Carey Brown. Board member Kelly Evans was excused. Five property owners attended.

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Reading & approval of previous Minutes**

March's minutes were approved – **Motion**: Jame, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Eric, Passed unanimous

### **Public Works**

- Pam – Notices issued to Property Owners regarding driveway compliance (Cactus & Raccoon). Need to contact Dan at County Road & Bridge to get further info.
  - Notice to Raccoon address returned as undeliverable, Cary to forward to Pam
- No contact with Al Fister yet (See OLD BUSINESS)
- BOCC Resolution 2022-19 declares a new road off of Deer Trail called “Greenback Court” in order for owners there to have a physical address. The ‘road’ is approximately ¼ mile long, not up to county standards, and may encroach on Hwy 160 and/or High Pressure Gas Line.
  - **Kelly: Determine if there is a ‘contract’ with the county regarding the acceptance of new roads & the proper reimbursement thru HUFT update.**
  - **Eric: Determine if there are records available showing the standards for establishing, and maintaining Archuleta County roads and the responsibilities associated.**
  - **Ken: Contact BOCC member to clarify the intentions of Resolution 2022-19, and to explain the resultant challenges – Funding, Standards, and Rapport.**
  - **Ken: Contact ‘special council’ (Theresa) if conversation with BOCC member does not yield results.**
  - Carey is to hold off on the purchase of new road signs, as we need to assure the “Greenback Court” issue is resolved first.

- Carey – Hwy 151 is closed as of 4:00 pm today, and the prognosis is closure for months. In the meantime, **no gravel deliveries**. Fortunately, we received three loads today, so that will have to stretch.
  - **Pam: Contact Carol to straighten out tax-exempt status so that we don't get charged by Crossfire Aggregate, and potentially get a refund for any taxes erroneously paid.**
- Majority of gravel reserved for a sink hole on Hurt Drive
- Water run-off has played havoc with roads, but trying to stay proactive.
- We are paying Giuseppe more than the water station income.
  - **Pam: Contact Carol to understand the charges better**

### Treasurer's Report

- Jame presented March's financial data:

March	2023		
Total Cash Assets: \$439,066		Total Assets: \$2,301,451	
	MTD (\$)	YTD (\$)	% of Budget
Total Income	97,941	135,925	29
Property tax income	100,025		35.86
Water Depot Income	3,438		13.75
HUTF income	30,464		21.01
Total Expenses	33,864	81,050	19
Primary/Major monthly expenses:	Wagner CAT	\$11,155.63	
	Trinity Land Consultants	\$2,144.57	
	CHP	\$1,159.40	

**Motion** to approve March's Treasurer's Report: Eric, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pam,  
Passed unanimous

### Well

- Reilley Industrial came for inspection & to issue a quote for necessary repairs. For sandblasting, repairs, and epoxy coating, the quote is for **\$42,886**
  - **Pam to acquire a second competing quote to understand the total cost better.**

### Park

- All items are up in the park, will grade the parking lot today. Port-a-potty arrived for the clean-up activities on May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- No word from Attorney regarding prairie dog complaint

### Review SDA calendar

- No issues on the current calendar

## **Budget / Election**

- We will lose 2 Board members at the end of this month: Jame & Pam. Chris deVries will be sworn in at the May meeting.
  - **Eric to post notices & changes in the board to DOLA, and position yet available due to lack of candidate(s) in the Sun**
- If there is an open position, DOLA says we can appoint Pam for a term lasting until the next election.
  - **Pam: Get confirmation of this from DOLA rep Chris Champagne.**

## **Old Business**

- Received a call from Al Fister from the San Juan Conservation District regarding PAWS's possible intent to extend water supply, and Aspen Springs Metro Board's thoughts on the subject. Much discussion over pros and cons of a Trails-type station at a possible Happy Camper fill station.
  - **Pam to contact Al Fister, and request additional board participation for a face-to-face meeting.**
  - **NOTE: SJWCD has a grant writer who may be able to help with our water-associated needs.**

## **New Business**

- Lot Consolidation Requests:
  - Aspen 4, Block 8, **Unconsolidate** lot 57X: Approved
  - 533 Haystack Circle: Approved
  - 111 Corral Court: Approved

## **Property Owners' Concerns**

- Mitch expressed concern regarding prairie dogs & noxious weeds. He spoke of Ethan Proud issuing citations via the County, and we invited him to come to the next meeting. Aside from regular gassing of prairie dogs and spraying weeds as funded by the taxpayers, there's not much else that can be done. Bubonic plague seems to be the only effective means of controlling prairie dog populations. (public health hazard)
- Update on property owners organized as a non-profit called Sovereign Commons:
  - County agreed to provide a dumpster, staffed, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
  - They started posting flyers yesterday, once approval was received
  - Board approved the use of a Food Truck at the park
  - Signage approved on Westview, Indian Land, and other places to advertise the event (again, post-event clean-up requested)

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 19:05 by Ken Barber