

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on April 8th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Aspen Springs Metropolitan District building located on 216 Metro Drive in Unit 5 Aspen Springs Subdivision. Elected board members Pam Wallis, Chris deVries, and Eric Davidson attended in person. Kelly Evans attended by phone. Kenneth Barber was excused absent. Two employees attended. In addition, one property owner attended (future board member!).

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 18:08 by Eric Davidson.

Approval of previous minutes

March's minutes were approved. **Motion:** Pam, 2nd: Chris, Passed unanimous

Public Works

- Carey: Trash Can issue on Oak Ridge Drive is untenable. The line of garbage cans is long – most blown over. Pam's letter to Elite in November has gone largely ignored, as they continue to encourage their customers to illegally leave their cans on Oak Ridge. Since Elite refuses to traverse roads such as Hilltop, Steep Place, and upper Oak Ridge Drive, they should not carry on a business relationship with those property owners. Elite's business model is driveway pick-up at the customer they are serving. Encouraging your customer to violate right-of-way laws is not a valid business plan. Pam sent pics to Sheriff LaRue & requesting guidance on next step(s). Sheriff LaRue called during the meeting and related his limited ability in the situation: Citing the property owner for littering. He agreed with the board's position and actions taken thus far.
 - **Pam:** Call Elite and re-iterate their strange business plan and its' adverse impacts on the district – especially children entering & exiting school busses in the area.
 - **Carey:** Procure and post a sign clearly stating "NO TRASH"
- The pricing for Mag Chloride for 2025 has been secured. Three truckloads are sitting in storage.
- Pam: Buttercup Water Station shut-off valves: Will be working with Justice, Carey on Wednesday to discuss necessary plumbing changes.
- The quote to re-coat the Buttercup station storage tank looks good, but having difficulty finding customer satisfaction info.
 - **Pam:** Follow up w/ Del Norte to see how satisfied they are.
 - Kelly: **Motion:** Authorize Pam to have the tank re-coated at the quoted price of \$28,000. Eric 2nd; Passed Unanimous
- Perfect Parking – the company who poorly re-surfaced the Hwy 160 transition at Buttercup is not showing up as scheduled to repair the transition. Carey: "Will they make it worse?"
 - **Pam** to call PP for next step(s)
- Stollsteimer Road – Lots B11 L27 & B11 L28 will need to be cut back approximately 15 feet to get the road to the state it should be in.

- **Carey:** Get with Chris & Dan Harper to clarify request
- **Pam:** Determine how the easement process works and start the process with the County and Michael L. Wisner – the Property Owner of record on these two lots.
- East Stollsteimer – Property Owner requested to gate off the end of this road, as a neighbor is using the road to access his property. Ryan responded with concern as this is a turn-around for snow plowing, and gating it off would negate snow removal there.
 - **Eric:** Respond to Property Owner regarding request to keep turn-around open
 - **Eric:** Determine other Property Owner who is using E. Stollsteimer for access and ask them to get with Dan Harper to get a driveway permit for legal access to property.
- Colorado State Chief Well Inspector, Chris Jones, requested info on status of a well in Aspen 1. Pam determined it is on private property and will send a letter stating the open well needs to be sealed or destroyed.

Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's report was sent electronically by Kelly to the board members, but no copies were available for review during the meeting. Finances look good, especially since there has been very little snow removal activity this winter. **Motion** to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, with hard copies next month: Eric, 2nd Chris, passed unanimous.

March	2025		
Total Funds (Beginning): \$373,495		Total Funds (Ending): \$450,687	
		YTD (\$)	% of Budget
Total Income		204,577	32
Property tax income		141,799	34
Water Depot Income		3,438	17
HUTF income		47,263	33
Total Expenses		127,385	21
Primary/Major expenses for the month:	Crossfire Aggregate		7,392
	Basin Co-op		3,269
	Lonestar Truck Group		2,931

- Audit results have been signed and posted on the ASMD website.

Budget

- Eric: DOLA has accepted the latest revision to 2024 budget
- Chris: Can we have a fixed accounting cost? Kelly: Our firm, CRS, operates on a 'per-item' invoicing.

Review SDA Calendar - Election

- Election cancelled: Chris deVries & Eric Freudenberger deemed on the board starting in May. Notice was posted in the Pagosa Sun.

Old Business

- Eric: C-DOT meeting held in BoCC conference room on April 3rd. Attendees were Sheriff LaRue & Under Sheriff, County Planning Personnel, two members of CO State Patrol, Pam, Eric, and three members of C-DOT via video conference. The issue was mainly the intersection on the North of Hwy 160 known as “Catfish Lane” and mistakenly **also** labeled as “Buttercup” on Google Maps. Much discussion, but little data. Agreed to re-convene in 6-weeks with complete data sets on road safety, permit status, etc. The goal is to develop a plan for the Buttercup/Buttercup II area that doesn’t leave any owners land locked, is a safe solution, and responds to District and County concerns.
- Multi-use Park: \$22,500 allocated thus far for fencing materials. Concrete is next big expense. Carey has spent a lot of time (5 days) building up the court area (using all the dirt we had on hand) and leveling the space.
 - **Carey:** Share gravel invoice with Joan Beans to assure proper reimbursement

New Business

- Kelly: Sign-up sheet built for those interested in getting a mailbox. Postmaster had given her a call and offered 6 to 8 gang boxes for free – we just needed to find a place to put them and provide folks to fill them up – around 25 people interested so far. It’s not the District’s responsibility, but we can’t pass up free boxes, especially with so many interested property owners.
 - **Eric:** Add Kelly’s email to website for folks looking for a mailbox
- Small District Association (SDA) is holding a regional meeting in Durango on Friday, June 20th. New members are highly encouraged to attend and come back with the latest SDA Board Member Manuals
- April 21-28 is “International Dark Skys week”. Website updated accordingly
- Website updated with 2024 Audit Results and most recent Consumer Water Report
- CSD Pool grant fund stands at \$5,184 for ASMD. Any signage we get should be applied to this grant money!

Property Owner Concerns

- None raised

Park/Wildfire Adapted

- Second annual Chipper Pallooza set for May 17 & 18. Federal funding has been released so reimbursement program should be running before the event. Flyers to go out soon, but need details.
 - **Chris:** Collaborate with Eric F. to line up a chipper contractor with larger capacity than last year’s event.

Lot Consolidation

- None

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 by Eric Davidson