

**ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**  
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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on February 11, 2025 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 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, nine property owners attended.

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 18:01 by Eric Davidson.

**Approval of previous minutes**

January's minutes were approved. **Motion:** Pam, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chris, Passed unanimous

**Public Works**

- The ice flow on Oak is continuing to obstruct the road. It turns out the well, drilled in '07, is backflowing water from the aquifer and it is coming to the surface at Oak/Elk. Carey is having trouble maintaining the road. After much discussion, it is apparent ASMD needs to find a place for this "spring" to flow away from the roadway.
- Pam is still working with Perfect Parking to repair the shoddy work done on Buttercup.
- New truck is built and ready for road season. Some inquiries on old truck.
- Dave Murray will be surveying Stollsteimer. There are sections of the road caving away, and most of the right-of-way is in the air – will have to work with property owners to be able to widen the road if easements and/or variances are not possible. Chris & Dan Harper to discuss with Carey after Dave's work is complete.
- A property owner complained via the website about excessive dust on W. Stollsteimer. Eric replied with information on Mag & its application, and the complete lack of snow is not helping at all.

Due to the high number of motivated property owners in attendance, Property Owner Concerns was moved up in the agenda.

**Property Owner Concerns**

All the owners (save for one) who have property between Buttercup, Flicker, Raccoon, and Hwy 160 were present or represented to discuss access to the highway. The access between 10990 and 11000 on the North side of W Hwy 160 has been claimed by the new owner and is

closing it off from the highway, which effectively land-locks some other property owners. There has been a neighborly agreement for ~26 years, which allowed all owners access to Hwy 160. The new owner believes the driveway in question is “not permitted”, and thus requested an easement to the West across the front of Aspen Bar & Grill to access Buttercup and thus Hwy 160. The Owners present testified that there is a Legal Easement by CDOT – in order to inspect the high-pressure gas line which parallels the highway – but could not find the documentation in time to present at the meeting.

The County’s Planning Department is stating that both the driveway in question and and Buttercup access to the highway are “illegal entrances”, as they were not permitted properly with the State when the highway was constructed. The local residents counter that the section of road is hazardous (an average of 2 rollovers per year over the past 25, and recently, three rollovers in less than a year. Turn lanes and additional safety improvements would reduce the incidence of rollovers. The group received the board’s blessing to pursue the matter with CDOT and report back.

### Treasurer’s Report

- The Treasurer’s report was sent by Kelly to the board members, along with a revision, but the budget amendment(s) were not reflected in the 2024 monthly statements. Cash flow is OK even though revenue is just starting to trickle in, and there were lots of invoices submitted for repairs and tires. **Motion** to approve the Treasurer’s Report: Eric, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pam, passed unanimous.

January	2025		
Total Funds (Beginning):		\$373,495	Total Funds (Ending): \$345,930
		YTD (\$)	% of Budget
Total Income		19,943	3
Property tax income			0
Water Depot Income		1,772	9
HUTF income		14,293	10
Total Expenses		47,508	8
Primary/Major expenses for the month:	Basin Co-op Pagosa		8,255
	FNBO - 4405		3,201
	Parts Authority		1,936

### Review SDA Calendar - Election

- Resident Chelse Windscheffel, Designated Election Officer, posted Call of Nominations which appeared in the Feb 06 edition of the Pagosa Springs Sun. She has received one application as of this meeting. Provided we do not receive more than two more self-nomination forms before that time, we can cancel the May election participation on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

- Three positions/board members will be up for election: Ken Barber, Pam Wallis and Chris DeVries.
- We received an Election Questionnaire issued by Archuleta County asking if we are going to have any ballot or Mill Levy questions to pose on the November, 2025 election. **Eric to complete the questionnaire stating “No”, and return it on time.**

### **Budget**

- Second revision to the 2024 budget has been accepted by DOLA.

### **Park/Wildfire Adapted**

- Stephanie Davidson, WAP Ambassador, spoke about the need for a larger chipper and a dedicated crew in anticipation of greater participation in Chipperpalooza this year. Given the heightened awareness of wildfires locally and the news of the devastation in Los Angeles, we expect more people to join the momentum. The initial planned date is May 17 & 18.
- ASMD may have an area to complete a fire risk reduction in the green belt area around Oldham’s Place.

### **Old Business**

- No old business was discussed & nothing new from OHPOA

### **New Business**

- Eric participated in a kick-off meeting to start the multi-use court installation at Ute Park. Jeff Bohrer will be project manager, with Jack Harper (County Manager) & Chad Eaton (County Finance Dir) supporting from the County. Carey Brown (ASMD) will direct ground preparation for concrete. Joan Beans (CRS accounting) will pay invoices as they come in, and re-bill the County for the cost, following Conservation Trust Fund accounting rules to assure reimbursement. Eric (ASMD) will be the General Contractor overseeing the project. The Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) allocated \$160,000 for the project, which must be completed this calendar year.

### **Lot Consolidation**

- None

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 by Eric Davidson.