

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
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A special emergency meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on February 18th, 2021 at 5:30p.m. at the Aspen Springs Metropolitan District building located on Metro Drive in Unit 5 Aspen Springs Subdivision. Elected board members Kenneth Barber, Pam Wallis, Jame Venturini, Shane Tuller, and Kelly Evans (via phone conference) were in attendance. 2 property owners attended.

Call to Order

The special meeting was called to order pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6- 402(2)(c)(I) by Chairman Ken Barber.

New Business

- Pam: the state Water Board had called. A property owner, Andy Davis, was threatening to sue the district, claiming that the failed well at the Buttercup station was causing the water table to drain below his well, rendering his useless. The State was saying that the well must be repaired or capped off immediately, otherwise they would be levying fines and sanctions against the district for allowing the well to run freely.
- Kelly said that San Juan Water Conservancy District had promised a \$60k matching grant to fund well repairs, and the District's lawyer was still in the process of going after Beeman Drilling's insurance.
- Pam said that DAK drilling was wanting to drill a new well and then cap the original, as it would save time and money doing both at the same time, and also would be easier to drill a new well with the original one still flowing and relieving the pressure.
- Pam said that the cost of materials was increasing drastically, and the well estimates would only be good for a short time.
- It would cost about \$18-20k to destroy the original well, and between \$100-120K to drill a new one, and would probably save about \$10k doing them both at once.
- There was discussion about collaborating with PAWS, about the possibility of losing water rights to the Buttercup well if not repaired immediately, and about how long the SJWCD grant would be available. Ronnie Zaday said ASMD should evaluate the value of their water rights, station, and land and keep that in consideration when talking to PAWS. Pam said that a properly drilled well could very possibly have much less sediment than the original.
- Pam made a motion to demolish the original well and drill a new one, Kelly seconded. Ken, Shane, and Jame voted Nay.
- Ken made a motion to only demolish the existing well at this time, Jame seconded; all in favor.

Property Owner's Concerns

- There were no property owner's concerns.

Ken Barber adjourned the meeting at 6:43 PM