

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on January 13th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Carey Brown building located on 216 Metro Drive in Unit 5 Aspen Springs Subdivision. Elected board members Eric Davidson, Kelly Evans, and appointee Pam Wallis attended. Board members Eric Freudenberger was excused absent and Chris DeVries was unexcused absent. One employee attended.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 18:03 by Eric Davidson.

Approval of previous minutes

- December's minutes were approved.
 - **Motion:** Kelly, 2nd Pam, passed unanimous

Public Works

- **Ryan:** Shared quotation for TransWest Truck in Grand Junction. Numerous known and unknown defects were found, resulting in over \$48k in estimated repair costs. Truck has been in service for over 20 years, and a new dump truck similarly outfitted is approximately \$250 to 275K.
 - Credit approval in place
 - **Motion:** Approve the expenditure of \$48,000 to repair Freightliner Dump Truck – by Kelly, 2nd Pam, passed unanimous
- A new flatbed has been installed on the Ford, and it will be outfitted with the new sanding equipment next week. We already have the sanding material on hand.
- The fuel tanks in the yard are becoming corroded and should be replaced. Brennan Oil quoted \$12-16k for two double-walled tanks, one for diesel and one for gasoline.
 - **Ryan:** To get spec sheets and a complete quote to add to the '27 budget.
- A video was shown demonstrating a new brush mower for cleaning up the road edges which are getting overgrown. This would be mounted on the loader and is capable of consuming 8" trees and turning them to mulch in-situ. \$60-65k
 - **Ryan:** To get final quote for adding to future budget.
- **Pam:** Indian Land Road: Sheriff is beginning to cite people. The sign says "Local Traffic Only" which means Indian Land Road residents **only**. Anyone else in Aspen Unit 6 **must** drive the Cat Creek Road route. The Sheriff's office has been trying to get this definition out to the public.
 - **Pam** to utilize social media to get the word out to locals
 - **Eric F.** to add information on the Metro website
 - **Eric D** to take planned Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) work session presentation and distill it down for a BoCC public meeting 5-minute oration on January 20th at 1:30 pm.
- Trying to access Oak Hills HOA meetings and/or published minutes, but neither are available (counter to open records laws)

- **Eric D:** Former employee’s employment information has been shared with requesting staff from the State of Colorado, and they seem to be satisfied.
- Received information from C-DOT and Colorado Dept. of Treasury regarding the calculation of HUTF reimbursements. City & Town roads only count centerline miles, whereas rural roads such as in Aspen Springs are calculated using width as well. Therefore we are justified in re-measuring ASMD roads and submitting new and accurate data to the county for sharing with the state.
- Need to clarify training requests/needs so we can address during slow times.
 - **Ryan** to communicate to Eric his 2026 training needs.

Treasurer’s Report

- **Kelly:** As expected, we totally blew the 2025 budget, but have corrected things for 2026. Reserve was spent down a bit, but bigger checks are coming in March. This year’s property taxes are expected to increase, but decrease after that. Questions for Chris will be addressed via email.
- Kelly will be out of town for a few months with family in TX. She will (thankfully) join meetings via conference call.
 - **Motion** to approve the Treasurer’s Report: Pam, 2nd Eric, passed unanimous.

December	2025		
Total Funds (Beginning):	\$373,495	Total Funds (Ending):	\$246,946
		YTD (\$)	% of Budget
Total Income		798,369	127
Property tax income		418,775	100
Water Depot Income		20,431	102
HUTF income		189,976	131
Total Expenses		924,918	150
Primary/Major expenses for the month:		Brennan Oil	7,785
		CRS	1,715
		Rush Truck Center	1,455

Well

- **Pam:** Electrician will be correcting the wiring problems tomorrow (Jan 14) at Buttercup and installing a shop heater in the Carey Brown building.
- Report for annual production from Buttercup provided: 2,195,810 gallons in 2025!
- G has forwarded a sample to the State for analysis for Lead (Pb). A customer expressed concern regarding lead, and while it has not been an issue in past testing regimen, we determined that a fresh test result would not hurt. Results to be shared to the individual, at Buttercup station, and on the website.

Park/Wildfire Adapted:

- **Ryan:** Pickleball nets are down, but the Basketball court was opened to local traffic during the excellent weather.

- **Eric D:** Our Wildfire Adapted Ambassador has been invited to the awards ceremony in Durango next week, and will report on it at next meeting.

Review SDA Calendar

- **Resolution 26-01-13-01: Designated Posting Location notice for 2026:** All public notices will be posted at the Carey Brown Building, 216 Metro Drive; at Buttercup Water Station, 196 Buttercup Drive; and on our website: aspenspringsmetro.org

Budget

- **Eric D:** What is the level of desire to have a campaign to raise our mill levy rate? There will be many entities 'going to the well' this November with proposed levy increases, and the stomach for more at the next few elections will not be there. This idea was summarily shot down.

Old Business

- **Eric:** Teresa is no longer providing her attorney services for the District. Our new attorney, Paul Kosnik, out of Durango, is providing legal services for us now.

New Business

- No new information

Property Owner Concerns

- No owner concerns voiced.

Lot Consolidation

- No new information

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 by Eric Davidson