

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on June 13th, 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, Kelly Evans, Eric Davidson & appointee Chris deVries were in attendance, as was employee Carey Brown. Three property owners attended.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 17:57 by Ken Barber

Reading & approval of previous Minutes

May’s minutes were approved – **Motion**: Kelly, 2nd: Pam, Passed unanimous

Public Works

- Carey – Gravel now available – pit is open, grading secondary roads
- Next area of focus will be Aspen Unit 6
- Mag truck broke down (rear end) just before treating Indian Land Rd., \$7k repair
- Mag supplier is Desert Mountain. We pay same price as Archuleta County, but they get their mag along with an application ‘service’. Carey would like to be able to schedule roads based upon need & availability, and thus ASMD will continue with the road prep and application (better job too!)
- Question: Is the mag formula different this year? – **Need to contact Archuleta County Public Works Director, Kevin Pogue for details.**
- Pam – Still trying to source another quotation for epoxy-coating the Buttercup Water Station tank.
- 55 River Run Drive – Multiple clean-ups of culvert within the right-of-way resulted in irate property owner, to keep road clear, trenches added, but property is at the bottom of a drainage.
- CSD has \$5,963.88 available for safety purchases.
 - **Chris investigate security cameras at Buttercup & the Park**

Treasurer's Report

- Kelly presented last month’s financial data: **CORRECTED DATA, 12 July 2023**

May	2023		
Total Cash Assets:	\$488,526	Total Assets:	\$2,278,848

	MTD (\$)	YTD (\$)	% of Budget
Total Income	72,505	249,103	54
Property tax income		182,006	65.3
Water Depot Income		6,763	27.1
HUTF income		54,558	37.6
Total Expenses	26,698	140,829	33.2
Primary/Major monthly expenses:	Brennan Oil	\$7,810.20	
	McCabes Repair Svc	\$3,860.48	
	Trinity Land Consultants	\$2,063.93	

Motion to approve May's Treasurer's Report: Pam, 2nd: Chris,
Passed **tentative** approval pending next month's summary report

- Kelly has info (summary report), but was not able to complete transition with Jame – Ken read in Wilson, Rea, Beckel & Assoc, CPA's June report

Review SDA calendar

- Kelly to take Jame's position as Treasurer
- Need to assure Pam remains, and Chris' name is added to the surety bond
- Kelly to confirm with SDA that Chris is shown as a board member
- Temporarily combine Treasurer and Budget roles under Kelly while Chris trains on either role and gets acquainted with our Accountant.

Budget / Election

- Pam Wallis was sworn in as an appointed member for a two-year term
 - **Pam: Get confirmation of this from DOLA rep Chris Champagne.**

Old Business

- Kelly regarding Prairie Dog complaint: No word from Attorney, let it lie, await a new response.
- Response from PAWSD proposal for water line to Hurt Drive:
 - There is a lot of public money available for projects
 - We have been asked to be fiduciary sponsor, which has no direct benefit to the Board, but instead results in greater costs to the area taxpayers and puts the district at risk of collapse.
 - Kelly: Matt Beckel (CPA) stated we must reflect funds through our budget
 - Therefore Metro cannot be a "Business Agent"
 - **Motion: The Aspen Springs Metropolitan Board is in support of a PAWSD pipeline project from Deer Park to Hurt Drive, but cannot be a business partner.**

- Motion: Kelly, 2nd Chris, Unanimous
- Weed & Pest information added to ASMD Website
- Billing for expert services on Buttercup is corrected. Marsha is testing in Randy's absence.
- Grass @ Buttercup station & park – **Ken to coordinate mowing at fill station & park**
- **Pam: no new info from Errol on enforcement actions, will follow-up**

New Business

- Chris talked to Errol with the county, and he is willing to coordinate a pick-up of 500 tires for free.
 - Ken: As long as mess gets cleaned up, we support the effort
 - Chris to contact Sovereign Commons to see if they will help coordinate a drive.
- Lot Consolidation Requests:
 - Unit 5, 304 Carol's Curves: Approved
 - Unit 3, 1062 Evergreen Drive: Approved
- What is the status of the annual audit? **Kelly to check with Carol**
- Pam: window for approval of checks is too narrow. Propose to delay payment one week and to make any employee whole who is adversely affected by this decision.
 - **Motion: Paychecks to be held one more week to facilitate final approval of checks.** Motion: Eric, 2nd: Pam, Unanimous

Park

- No new news

Well (Community Water Supply)

- See motion regarding PAWSD proposal above

Property Owners' Concerns

- Comment regarding PAWSD proposal: They should renegotiate – they made the demands and need to come back with a better proposal and more specifics based upon the feedback
- Outlook regarding Buttercup water station quality improvement? Some day we'd like to add a filtration system, but the immediate need is to re-surface the inside of the storage tank.
- The 2023 property value assessments are based upon sales (plus growth factor over time) and not on actual valuation. Mil levies will be adjusted, but many owners are frustrated with the inflated valuations.
- Question: How many people actually live in Aspen Springs, and how many are registered to vote? **Eric to contact Christy Archuleta**

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 19:40 by Ken Barber