# ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT PO Box 488 Pagosa Springs, CO 81147 970-731-5656

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on March 10, 2015 at 6:01 p.m. at the Aspen Springs Metropolitan District building located on Metro Drive in Unit 5 Aspen Springs Subdivision. Elected board members Al Gardner, Dick Warring, Sara Anderson, Kelly Evans and appointed board member, Pam Wallis, were in attendance. District employee Carey Brown was in attendance, as were ten property owners.

# CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by elected Board Chairperson, Al Gardner.

## MINUTES

:A motion to approve the February minutes as submitted was made by Kelly; seconded by Dick; all in favor.

### PUBLIC WORKS

Carey: Guiseppe provided a complete year's report of total usage and sales of the water, as well as correspondence with the State. Our testing has been reduced from four to one times a year for the State which will save approximately \$7,500.00.

The plow for the pick up is broke. It will be taken over Gem Village for diagnosis. Carey wants to eliminate those plows; too many problems with them. Chains are taken off of the graders and getting ready for Spring.

The Mag venders are both wanting to know when we're ordering. One will give the same cost as the County, but that includes application and they won't separate that cost. We can't have them do the applying because we can't meet their schedule (and/or vice verse). Budgeted amount for 2015 for mag chloride is \$35,000. Budgeted amount for gravel is \$25,000. We'll need about 10-12 loads (5,000 gal/load) of mag. Sara will make some calls and see if she can get a good price.

The Far View issue about vehicles left in the plowing space has been resolved. Carey spoke with the owner and the vehicle(s) have been removed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

• District treasurer Kelly Evans reported the following information: The District had \$175,650 in cash assets (this figure a little low for this time of year due to the recent payoff of the grader which saved us approximately \$750 in interest), and \$1,527,555 in total assets and property as of the end of the month of February. Total income for the month of February was \$17,555 with year to date income of \$20,117. The total income YTD is 5% of budget for 2015. Total property tax income YTD is \$3,054 which is approximately 1.66% of budget for 2015 of \$183,630. Total income YTD for the water depot is \$2,617 which is 9.35% of total budgeted of \$28,000. Total expenses for February is \$16,772 and YTD of \$41,831 which is 11% of budget. Primary expenses for February were \$1,071 to La Plata Electric, \$3,340 to Rocky Mountain Health and \$1,129 to Trinity Consulting. Kelly is going to have Lisa call LPEA and see why the bill is so high, however Carey believes it has something to do with the fill station. We need to get our power to yard/building and the water station separated.

Workman's comp wants designated preferred providers or they will assign them. Sara suggested an alternate comp company that saved her (in her business) approx 50%.
Liability insurance through the SDA gives opportunities for grants. We have \$4,200.00 coming and \$773 available for safety and loss prevention if we act right away. There are a number of expenses we have endured that can apply to this grant.

• We received the information back from the "Exemption of Audit" (which results in less than \$500,000 in expenses or income/revenue). 28:30 - Motion to approve February's Treasurer's report was made by Pam; seconded by Dick; all in favor.

#### OLD BUSINESS

•Park and Ride issue - Pam has been in contact with some CDOT representatives and finally got through to the person that would handle this type of project. They wish to have a summary letter drawn up and sent over to them for review. Discussion on funds to proceed with this type of project, liabilities, monitoring of vehicles, etc. was made. If the property is one that we could obtain, although pursuing this type of project at this time would not be financially possible, however for future use ASMD would be interested.

•Resolution needs to be agreed upon as exemption from the audit. Dick made a motion to pass a resolution from exemption for audit referring to Section 29-1-604-CRS and Sec 29-1-606-CRS was made by Dick; seconded by Sara; all in favor.

• The topic of the proposed increase of the bookkeeping rates was brought up and somewhat left up to Kelly to make a decision since she deals with them regularly. Kelly feels that for the work that they do for us, the increase would be around \$20/month and that would be more reasonable than finding another bookkeeper that we wouldn't be use to (and vice verse). A motion to agree with their proposed increase was made by Kelly; seconded by Pam; all in favor.

#### NEW BUSINESS

•One property owner, Mr. Thomas, had an unfortunate situation where he damaged his tires on a culvert that was under water and ice and is requesting the board to compensate him for two of the six tires. It was decided that this issue would be tabled until the following meeting so that all of the board members can go by the area to see it before making a decision. They claim it was due to poor drainage.

• Ronnie Zaday brought up another bad drainage area on Hummingbird.

#### PROPERTY OWNER'S CONCERNS

• Martha Peacock had concerns about not getting plowed up on unit six. She spoke with Carey and Carey came up to plow and she wanted to publicly thank him, however she wanted to bring up the culvert there which is plugged up and has minor drainage. Carey said they'll probably need to replace it because the trash truck totally tore it up.

• Steve Keno had some requests for copies of certain documents, although some were public information, he wishes to receive it directly from the board rather than the internet. Dick agreed he would forward the requested forms to him directly.

•Pam made mention that she had spoken with the owners on Raccoon near the "problem area" and they understand the need to repair/widen the road right there and they would willing to approve the district to tear into the other side of the road (east side), which is also theirs. When they're here next (they are part-time residents), Carey will make a point to meet with them and mark some possible areas to cut into.

• Carey brought up the residents just south of this property and them parking on the easement off of Flicker. Pam has spoken with Jordin, the owner of the vehicle, numerous times and she understands that she needs to move the vehicle up more and will follow through as soon as it's in working condition (expected in the next couple of days).

• Al mentioned that he would not be available for next month's meeting due to out of town personal business. Dick made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm; seconded by Sara; all in favor.