

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on March 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 Kenneth Barber, Pam Wallis, Chris deVries, and Eric Davidson attended in person. Kelly Evans attended by phone. Two employees attended. In addition, six property owners attended.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 18:00 by Kenneth Barber.

Approval of previous minutes

February's minutes were approved. **Motion:** Kelly, 2nd: Pam, Passed unanimous

Public Works

- Carey: The price of Mag(nesium Chloride) and Lig(nin Sulfanite) are going up 26.5% on the first of April – in addition to the +10% increase over last spring's prices!. The increase is not for orders, but for delivered loads by 01 April. The extra we set aside for testing Lig has been eaten up by inflation. We have just enough funds for 9 truckloads at the pre-April price. Kenneth: there are no additional funds available.
 - Carey & Eric to work with Mag suppliers to secure the lower pricing.
 - UPDATE: Worked an agreement with Desert Mountain to take 4 truckloads before 01 April with the balance of 5 truckloads to be delivered at a later date, all at the \$1.24 per gallon pre-April rate.
- Buttercup water station: There is no shut-off valve at the well. It would be good to have a plan in place in case such a catastrophe happens (80 psi well head pressure, excess of 200 gpm flow rate)
- Stollsteimer Road – the cliff is eating into the road, and we need to ask the property owner on Lot 28, Block 11 (621 E Stollsteimer Rd) if we can cut into his property to widen the road. It will impact 5 trees and about 15' of cut-back.
- Water flowing from Elk properties across Oak in Unit 1 – The flow seems to have been reduced: either by work done on nearby wells, or less run-off. The situation looks OK for now, but have a plan should the flow resume.
- Pam: Perfect Parking has committed to repairing the bump at the transition from Hwy 160 to Buttercup by the end of March.
- During a recent working session between County Commissioners and PAWSD, the Aspen Springs Metro District was figuratively thrown under the bus for “refusing to cooperate” with PAWSD in their plans for the large storage tank at Elk Park.
 - **Let the record be clear:** PAWSD came to ASMD to find a solution to ‘disposing’ of +100k gallons from the Elk Park storage tank. They proposed to have ASMD be responsible and coordinate a \$2.5M plus contract to extend a water line from Elk Park to Buttercup Water

Station – including engineering, imminent domain issues, etc. PAWSD would graciously provide a grant writer to apply for the right grants. When asked if PAWSD would commit to not shutting off the water supply to ASMD during drought conditions before supply is cut off from Pagosa Lakes and similar subdivisions, PAWSD refused to make that commitment. In other words, there were no good faith negotiations and ASMD has seen no good faith actions in the Public Entity known as PAWSD.

- ASMD as an organization would ask again that if ASMD issues come up in a BOCC or County Planning agenda, an invitation would be extended beforehand to give us a chance to defend ourselves and have an opportunity to become a part of a solution!
- There was a lot of concern surrounding an upcoming meeting with C-DOT personnel, three County Planning representatives and Board Members of the metro district on April 3rd at 1:00 pm in the County Commissioner’s conference room. The stated topic of the meeting is “Aspen Springs Metro District Access Discussion”.
 - **Eric** to get an Agenda for the meeting to discern the true purpose of the meeting.
 - **Pam** to ask Joel Justice if he proposed to C-DOT to convert “Catfish Lane” to a main access to Hwy 160 in place of Buttercup.
 - **ASMD is on the record as wanting Accel & Decel lanes for Buttercup access.**
 - **Eric & Pam:** Gather the following documents for use at the meeting
 - 2018 Agreement with Archuleta County stating all roads “are where they are”
 - County Attorney’s letter regarding maint. responsibilities for Greenback Ct.
 - Minutes from 2014-2016 showing C-DOT personnel at ASMD meeting stating that A&D lanes were planned for Buttercup “next”
 - Latest signed doc with Archuleta County re: Road Maintenance Agreement

Treasurer’s Report

- The Treasurer’s report was sent by Kelly to the board members and reviewed during the meeting. Only 3% of property tax received thus far, but more coming in – it is being sent to Colorado Trust for interest income. **Motion** to approve the Treasurer’s Report: Eric, 2nd Pam, passed unanimous.

Febuary	2025	
Total Funds (Beginning):	\$373,495	Total Funds (Ending): \$349,002
	YTD (\$)	% of Budget
Total Income	54,136	9
Property tax income	12,268	3
Water Depot Income	2,593	13
HUTF income	31,102	21
Total Expenses	78,629	13
Primary/Major expenses for the month:	Basin Co-op Pagosa	5,128
	CRS	2,250
	County Health Pool	1,426

- Kenneth: Suggest we budget more for Atty’s fees if the Hwy 160 access discussion goes south

- Audit has been completed by CRS and will need signatures from all members

Budget

- Apparently, after the audit, we are still short about \$3k on the overall budget for 2024. Treasurer's fees from the County were double the expected amount.
 - **Resolution 03-11-25-01 Adopt final 2024 budget with \$4.5k transferred from reserve funds to account for Treasurer's Fees** 1st: Kelly, 2nd: Eric, Passed Unanimous
 - **Resolution 03-11-25-01 to Accept 2024 Audit Results** 1st: Kelly, 2nd Pam, Passed Unanimous

Review SDA Calendar - Election

- Designated Election Officer (DEO) Chelse Windscheffel, presented the Notice of Cancellation for the May 06th election. We had two self-nominations, and they are deemed members of the board as of the May meeting.
 - The following candidates are hereby declared elected:
 - Chris deVries 4-year term until May 2029
 - Eric Freudenberger 4-year term until May 2029
 - Pam Wallis has agreed to stay on as PW Officer.

Old Business

- County has received their survey requesting our intent to participate in the November 2025 election. ASMD declined to participate despite the need to increase mill levy to account for Bidenflation.
- Has Ronnie made any progress on Bridge registration? Out of town, perhaps back by Apr.

New Business

- Small District Association (SDA) is holding a regional meeting in Durango on Friday, June 20th. New members are highly encouraged to attend and come back with the latest SDA Board Member Manuals
- Multi-purpose Courts update: Jeff has determined a new location (maps distributed), and Carey has begun to stake out the area and determine what is needed for fill & preparation.
 - **Eric** to work with Suppliers and Joan Beans to assure proper invoicing to fulfill Conservation Trust Fund requirements.

Property Owner Concerns

- Members from Sovereign Commons spoke of their reluctance to inform the board that they do not have enough participation/capacity to organize activities that will need ASMD funds such as the clean-ups and Spring cleaning activities done in the past. Kenneth replied for the board in stating that we greatly appreciate their past work, and the County is still supplying dumpsters – 13 or 14 filled last year! Please come and ask again when you have the means.

Park/Wildfire Adapted

- Stephanie Davidson, WAP Ambassador, spoke about the quotation and costs in anticipation of greater participation in Chipperpalooza this year. The initial planned date is May 17 & 18. Due to

the 90-day Federal spending freeze, it is unclear if the matching grant funds will be available this year. Kenneth stated that there seems to be a lot more participation & passion, and to move forward with plans regardless of the Federal matching funds availability.

- Kelly: ASMD may have an area to complete a fire risk reduction in the green belt area around Oldham's Place.

Lot Consolidation

- None

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 by Kenneth Barber.