# 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 May 14, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Aspen Springs Metropolitan District building located on Metro Drive in Unit 5 Aspen Springs Subdivision. Board members Pat Ullrich, Kelly Evans, Dick Warring and Glenn Robinson were in attendance. Board member Holly Fulbright was not able to attend. District employee Carey Brown and Roy Stevens were at the meeting as were many property owners.

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Board Chairperson Pat Ullrich. Pat also announced that Holly would not be present and in her absence, they were going to record the meeting to make documentation easier.

# MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Board member Glenn Robinson brought up a correction in wording from the previous minutes. Glen said that the minutes state that Greg Mayo will be putting out the water station project out to bid, however the proper wording would be that Greg Mayo has submitted a public notice for request for qualifications for prospective contractors. Motion to approve was made by Dick Warring and seconded by Kelly Evans.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

District treasurer Kelly Evans reported the following information: The District had \$374,561 in cash assets, and \$1,572,410 in total assets and property as of the end of the month of April. Total income for the month of April was \$35,668 with year to date income of \$141,258. The total income YTD is 31% of budget for 2013. Total property tax income YTD is \$80,720 which is almost 45% of budget for 2013 of \$186,038. Total expenses for April is \$37,908 and YTD of \$126,525 which is 25% of budget. Primary expenses for April included \$11,925 for gravel and \$1,022 for Lucero Tire and GMCO for mag chloride which was written the previous month.

Inquiry was made by property owner Dawn Haynes in regards to the total spent on Mr. Keno's lawsuit as well as the total received by donations and by whom. Although Kelly had a figure of approximately \$6,000 on legal fees, however not all on Mr. Keno's lawsuit, a breakdown was not readily available however Kelly stated she would request same from the bookkeeper.

The motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Dick Warring and seconded by Glenn Robinson.

### PUBLIC WORKS

District employee Carey Brown indicated that they are about 80% complete of the mag chloride application, but stopped to haul more gravel, then back to the mag chloride and should be done within a couple of weeks. They are applying on unit 6 right now. Also about half of the gravel has been used.

Tires had to be purchased for the dump truck.

Pat Ullrich brought up the funds the district receives from HUTF and they tried to decrease our disbursement by \$10,000/yr. due to miscalculations of the roads. Apparently they were using old figures provided from 1996, when they should be using the figures provided in 2006 which includes more road s.f. due to widening and improving roads and bridges. Property owner Ronnie Zaday donated her time to attend a meeting on behalf of the District as well as several other districts in an attempt to postpone until the current figures could be reviewed and more accurate calculations could be made.

#### PROPERTY OWNER'S CONCERNS

Board member Glenn Robinson started off requesting that property owners begin by providing their name and address and limit their time to speak, due to the size of the meeting.

Ronnie Zaday gave an update on the ongoing nuisance ordinance.

Ann Seale inquired on why all meetings aren't recorded as she has noticed that on previous recordings, the minutes neglected to mention a lot of the topics that were discussed. It was noted that all meetings would be recorded in the future. Ms. Seale also asked about the timing of minutes being posted. It was explained that the minutes must be approved by the board at the following meeting prior to public posting.

Steve Keno made a statement that he plans to pursue his legal rights on the open range/sheep issue.

Dawn Haynes and Cara Ballou made mention and request that the District withdraws the injunction against Mr. Keno.

Mark Disbrow requested that the board approve the waiving of requirements for a paved parking area for the planned church on Flicker Lane. After brief discussion it was decided that Dick Warring would write a letter to the Archuleta County Planning Department stating the Board's approval of this waiver.

Many property owners voiced their opinion on the spraying, wishing to be excluded from the application of the chemicals and inquiring on procedure to be skipped from the spraying. Pat Ullrich stated that the District will have to come up with a better way for the residents to put this request in. It was also decided that in the future the Board would post announcements of planned herbicide applications.

Several other people were there just to support Mr. Keno.

Sharon Parker inquired on the reasoning for the recent filing of the oaths; response was that the form had changed wording and had to be re-done.

Deb Roberts asked about how the District was formed. It was explained that the District was formed by a vote of the property owners around 1980.

Ramona Scharr asked about term limits and was directed to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs website. A request for the MSDS on the mag chloride was made by new property owner, Patrick Bershiger.

Janet Jones asked about recent rumors that were put up via flyers all over the area.

Steve Keno had a question and concerns about Ms. Zaday representing the people of Aspen Springs. It was explained that the Board often takes advantage of volunteer assistance particularly in instances where the volunteer has specific knowledge or skills to offer.

Claudia Smith and Glen Earhart were there to offer information and voluntary assistance from Firewise in regards to safety and precautionary measures to protect your home and property in case of fire.

Ken Sorce had concerns about notifications of District activities and offered and invited someone from the Board to participate in the local community Face Book page for such notifications.

Pam Wallis inquired about the water station and the deadlines.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

Glenn Robinson brought us up to date on the water station. The State gave their approval and we're approved to move forward. An ad was placed (RFQ - request for qualifications) soliciting insured and bonded contractors and three prospective contractors answered, however one was not timely, so there are two at this point. A final decision of which one has not yet been made so the names of both won't be revealed until then. A meeting with Glen Robinson, Pat Ullrich, Greg Mayo from PAWS acting as our project coordinator, three contractors and subcontractors, and a rep from Harris Engineering was held to discuss the project. Finalizing contracts, any alternate negotiations and insurance and bonding is all that needs to be done prior to breaking ground which is estimated at May 27th. Worse scenario for completion is November 1st, however a more realistic estimate would be Labor Day. Temporary electric is already at the well.

Dick Warring announced that Secretary Board Member, Holly Fulbright, will be resigning and there will be a position available for someone to fill her seat through the completion of her term, which would be until May 2014. Anyone interested is to email or mail your statement of interest with reasons, experience, and qualifications to be received no later than June 8th.

Pat Ullrich notified the attendees that the Humane Society had a grant for a program TNR (Trap, Neuter and Release) that's available to decrease the number of cats by trapping them, bringing them over to the Metro Building, the vet comes to the building to neuter or spay, then release them back to where they were trapped. This is a service free of charge available to the public.

Janet Jones inquired about the presence of the Sheriff Deputy. He responded that he was there on his own accord as interest in the area and not as a professional capacity as he's trying to move out to Aspen Springs once again.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.