

**ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**  
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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Aspen Springs Metropolitan District building located on 216 Metro Drive in Unit 5 Aspen Springs Subdivision. Elected board members Kelly Evans, Chris deVries, and Eric Davidson attended. Appointee Pam Wallis also attended. Kenneth Barber was absent. Two employees attended. In addition, three property owners attended and two representatives from Elite Disposal Services attended.

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 18:01 by Eric Davidson.

**Approval of previous minutes**

April's minutes were approved. **Motion:** Kelly, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pam, Passed unanimous

**Public Works**

- Carey: Normal activity: Gravel, Magging, cleaning drainage.
- Gravel truck cost a lot to repair, can we get the limit raised?
  - **Kelly:** Need to get name(s) on card(s) updated – Especially in light of the purchasing needs of the Multi-use Court Project
  - **Kelly:** We prefer a bill to a card invoice – when possible.
- Pam: Shut-off valve improvement – Justice is working to finalize the bid (no action). As part of the improvement, the ability for Fire District equipment to connect has been added. This should help the impact of cost, as we can apply for safety grant monies to cover half of the expense.
- Buttercup Water Station re-surfacing project: We are in the 'cure' stage now, a full bank of tests needed to resume operations. Will shock w/ chlorine, flush, refill, and then test the stored water. Expect to have test results and be able to resume water distribution on Tuesday, May 27.
- Kelly: Cluster Box update: 80 names of interested people. Need USPS input – they will only deliver N to N and S to S – no addresses across Hwy 160. Postmaster has been out, but need clearer feedback on expectations.

**Treasurer's Report**

- The Treasurer's report was shared by Kelly to the board members – including past reports - for review during the meeting. HUTF funds look good – at or above budget. Expenses were high due to fixing trucks and lots of gravel bills. **Motion** to approve the Treasurer's Report: Eric, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris, passed unanimous.

<b>April</b>	<b>2025</b>		
Total Funds (Beginning):		\$373,495	Total Funds (Ending): \$455,070
		YTD (\$)	% of Budget

Total Income	298,778	47
Property tax income	190,605	46
Water Depot Income	5,606	28
HUTF income	64,033	44
Total Expenses	217,203	35
Primary/Major expenses for the month:	Pagosa Fence **	22,495
	OK tank & tower	11,082
	Brennan Oil	6,779

\*\* This has been reimbursed through the county using Conservation Trust Fund monies.

## Budget

- Chris: No new info

## Review SDA Calendar - Election

- Welcome Eric Freudenberger! Oaths and new offices to be determined as the last agenda item.

## Old Business

- Two representatives from Elite Waste Handling came to the meeting to respond to recent events. They were unaware of the problem and want to cooperate. Their best solution would be a “Convenience Center” or “Transfer Station” in the area that would be financed by Elite, manned by Elite, and with safeguards to eliminate bear and vermin hazards.
  - Near Fire Station 5 or at the site of the new county Transit Station? **Eric** to discuss with county staff & Commissioners.
- Regarding the movement of Stollsteimer approximately 15 feet into property to avoid the pending erosion safety issue: New Property Owner is not willing to give up the area.
  - **Eric & Pam:** Determine the Easement Process with county Attorney (which the role is currently in flux) – see below for additional requests
- Road that connects Badger to Meadowlark: Owner has fenced/gated the portion of road (mostly) on his property. No easement exists for the road, which has existed for up to 50 years (30 years photographic evidence), and has been improved by the Metro District in the past. Due to the length of time this road has been in use, the “Prescriptive Easement” appears to be the solution.
  - **Pam:** Need to determine if ASMD has any receipts pointing toward road improvements here
  - **Chris:** Work with county to “Red Tag” or “Stop Work” on any further investments to close the road.
- **Eric:** Contacted Property Owner on E. Stollsteimer regarding the end of the road & unwanted access by a neighbor. The end of the road is a needed turn-around for heavy equipment, and the neighbor should contact Dan Harper at Archuleta County for a driveway permit to enable legal access to his property.
- **Follow-up** meeting with C-DOT, et al, will take place on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Owen O’Dell with the county is in charge of securing a location for the meeting.

### **New Business**

- Eric: Attended an Emergency Preparedness event at the fairgrounds – it focused mostly on wildland fire danger and the need for heightened awareness.
- New members are encouraged to attend the SDA Workshop in Durango in June 20<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00am to 12:30pm. It is a good way to learn how to keep the Metro legal and in compliance with numerous laws and regulations.
  - **Kelly** to update the SDA Website and **Eric** will update the DOLA website

### **Property Owner Concerns**

- None raised

### **Park/Wildfire Adapted**

- Second annual Chipper Pallooza set for May 17 & 18 at Ute Park! A larger 12” chipper will be used this year.

### **Lot Consolidation**

- None

### **Oaths of Office**

- Eric Freudenberger was sworn in as the newest elected member
  - **Kelly** to get Eric’s contact info for sharing with the Board and W-9 data.
- Some discussion as to whom will be the new president. Kelly and Chris agreed that Eric was the best candidate, and since according to the by-laws these three are the only eligible candidates, Eric was elected by a majority of 2, with one abstention (Eric).
- Eric F. was chosen as the new Secretary. Other roles will remain: Kelly - Treasurer & Chris – Budget
  - **Kelly** to send Appointment Form to Eric
  - **Eric** to complete Appointment Form for Pam – to formally appoint her to the role of Public Works

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 by Eric Davidson