

ASPEN SPRINGS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Aspen Springs Metropolitan District was convened on November 12th, 2024 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, Kelly Evans, Pam Wallis, Eric Davidson, & appointee Chris DeVries were in attendance. One employee attended. No property owners attended.

Call to Order

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

Approval of previous Minutes

- October's minutes were approved. – **Motion**: Kenneth, 2nd: Kelly, Passed unanimous

Public Works

- Carey: Need authorization to spend \$2k for a new bucket. Kenneth: OK
- Need to write a letter to Elite Disposal Services that they (and their customers) cannot park garbage cans in the Right-of Way at the Oak Ridge, near the Postal Box Clusters. It is a school bus stop, and children do not need to congregate around trash blown over before pick-up. The Archuleta County website clearly stated they have no authority to leave cans within the easement area.
 - **Pam** to compose a letter for review & sending.
- Indian Land Road: One vehicle fell off the road and another nearly so, and the resultant confusion from the Sheriff's office and towing companies was not a proud moment for any of the parties. It was a minimally-improved ranch road that Mr. Adams originally had gated off. Need to improve signage at either end, as this road was designated for equipment movement only and was not brought up to "Approved-road standards".
 - Proposed signs include, "Do not travel during winter conditions", or "Four-wheel drive only".
 - **Existing signs are "Single-lane with turn-outs", "No Trailers", and "GVW 10,000 lb. limit". We ask Archuleta County Sheriff's office to cite drivers who violate these life-saving instructions.** Especially errant trailer violations.
- Good news: Suspected septic violations and complaints can now be formally filed with the new County Water Quality Department for follow-up.
- Need to sell Black Peterbilt water truck. Have used it for 25 years, but need to remove tank to sell (for what it was originally purchased). Kenneth suggested we wait to review the 2025 budget to see the sense of urgency to get a new (used) replacement truck, estimated to be \$50k.

Treasurer's Report

- Kelly stated the budget overall looked good, with revenue at 105% and expenses at 94% of year-end budget, then presented the October Treasurer's

Report.

- **Motion** to approve October's Treasurer's Report Eric, 2nd Pam, Passed unanimous

October	2024		
Total Funds (Beginning): \$384,008		Total Funds (Ending): \$477,774	
		YTD (\$)	% of Budget
Total Income		655,438	105
Property tax income		400,474	96
Water Depot Income		19,687	98
HUTF income		159,935	110
Total Expenses		561,672	94
Primary/Major expenses for the month:	Crossfire Aggregate		2,024
	Bank of San Juan		1,771
	County Health Pool		1,309

- Bank vs State of Colorado documents kerfuffle –
 - **Resolution 11-12-24-01:** Request Kelly and Eric to formally be custodians of ASMD Bank Accounts in accordance with the Public Deposit Protection requirements. Issued by Kelly, 2nd: Pam, passed unanimous
- **Kelly:** Need to contact Joan to clarify why Four-States Tire has not been paid.

Review SDA calendar

- See Election & Budget

Regular meeting adjourned at 6:29 by Kenneth Barber

Executive session called into session at 6:29 by Kenneth Barber to discuss former accounting services with our Attorney.

Executive session adjourned at 6:36 by Kenneth Barber

No decisions were made during the Executive Session

Meeting called into session at 6:36 by Kenneth Barber

- **Eric** to request a receipt for the \$21k from Doyle at Desert Mountain
- **Motion:** Once we have an email or evidence of an invoice/receipt from Desert Mountain, Eric is authorized to sign the Settlement Agreement and Release and forward to our Attorney as discussed in the meeting. Motion by Kenneth, 2nd: Chris, passed Unanimous (Eric abstaining).

Election

- **We need an Election Coordinator to help coordinate the May 2025 election. This Election Coordinator must be in place before January 15, when the first election materials must be distributed - Notice to Electors**
- Kelly is available to help guide a new Election Coordinator through the process
- Mill Levies may be voted on at any November election.

Budget

- **Chris** was instructed to have all Amendments, proposals, budget(s), and

- resolutions updated and ready to go for December's meeting.
- Rec'd budget numbers for 2025 Magnesium Chloride (Mag, \$1.17/gal) and Lignin Sulfinate/Mag blend (Lig blend, \$1.24/gal)
 - Kenneth requested more funds be allocated for Mag, Lig blend, and Payroll

Park / Fire

- Next year, please save a gallon or so of herbicide to do one more application in September/October, as there seems to be a second push in the park at the end of the growing season.
- Website updated with Wildfire Adapted information

Old Business

- Planned bonfire put on by Amazing Grace church was rained out
- Pam: Tank cleaning at Buttercup is complete and back in service, but the bare concrete needs attention- either epoxy coating or perhaps a pool liner can be installed? **Pam** to quiz Guiseppe regarding the pool liner idea while pursuing bids on epoxy coating.
- **Pam** to contact Steve Mitchum regarding electrical help at Buttercup water station – where the chlorine gas coupled with high humidity has raised havoc with the electrical system.
- Still no clear word from OHPOA regarding current make-up of the board and the direction to take. **Eric** to contact Richard Miller to clarify if the Cease & Desist order is still in effect and/or if there is a new board membership.

New Business

- Newish items discussed above

Lot Consolidations

- No lot consolidations requested

Property Owners' Concerns

- There were no Property Owners' concerns

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 by Kenneth Barber