

tions resulted in necessary change case filings and legal fees which the district projected at \$500,000. The largest capital expense, \$5.5 million, was forecast to cover a 1,000 acre-foot water storage acquisition plus installation of an inlet and spillway at the Stonewall Springs Reservoir Complex south reservoir. McGrady confirmed that the district has right of first refusal on the \$3.5 million water storage purchase and the remaining \$2 million targeted the inlet and spillway cost.

McGrady characterized the upcoming fiscal year as bringing clarity due to the water purchases, storage acquisition, and completion of paving projects. “I think we’re set up as a district to fund what we need to fund in order to bring renewable water and reliable wastewater service to the district,” he said.

Directors voted to unanimously approve Resolution 2020-19 that summarized the revenue and expenditures for each fund, adopted the 2021 budget, appropriated the funds, and certified the mill levy. See board packet pdf pages 22 through 39 for the resolution, budget, and property tax assessed valuation.

McGrady presented a second resolution that he deemed a house-keeping item. Resolution 2020-18 confirmed the Conexus Business Park as subdistrict B within Triview. This measure was approved by voters at the Nov. 3 general election. The resolution was approved unanimously.

Stonewall Springs bids opened
Acting as the major shareholder of the Stonewall Springs Reservoir Co., the district reviewed proposals for the installation of the previously mentioned inlet and spillway structures at

the south reservoir. Three bids were received: Moltz Constructors bid \$1.74 million; Western States Reclamation bid \$1.59 million; and A-N-S Construction bid \$2.24 million. Once some of the pricing and the concrete subcontractor were confirmed, McGrady expressed his intention to move ahead with Western States Reclamation which, he noted, fell about \$400,000 below the 2021 budget estimate.

A fond farewell

Early in the meeting the board took a moment to offer its thanks to Shupp, who was retiring, for his depth of corporate knowledge and expertise as well as his guidance concerning Triview’s history. Melville attributed Shupp’s efforts as “an integral part of the success of the district.” McGrady presented Shupp with a plaque “in recognition of his dedication and service to Triview Metropolitan District” and a gift certificate. Shupp completed his service to the district Dec. 31.

At 7:35 p.m., the board entered executive session §24-6-402(4)(a)(b) (e) and (f) acquisitions, legal advice, negotiations, and personnel matters regarding the following general topics: negotiations associated with water delivery infrastructure; water storage on the Arkansas River and its tributaries; negotiations with potential contractors and miners concerning the Stonewall Springs Reservoir Complex; negotiations regarding acquisition of renewable water resources; and personnel matters, salary and bonus to staff. OCN later confirmed that the board did not take actions following the executive session.

The next Triview board meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Jan. 21, the

third Thursday of the month. Triview is relocating from 16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 300 to 16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 302. Check the district’s website or call 488-6868 for meeting updates, office location, and to con-

firm if the meeting will be in person or via conference call. See also “Triview Metropolitan District” on Facebook or Twitter.com/@TriviewMetro. Jennifer Kaylor can be contacted at jenniferkaylor@ocn.me.

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\$1,250.00 to Wounded Heroes USA
Right We first heard about Wounded Heroes USA from our neighbor, Bill Miller, who founded the organization in 2010. He is well known in the Monument area for his services. As an outdoorsman and a vet, he decided he could use his skills to benefit wounded active duty soldiers as well as gold star families who lost their loved ones in the military. In the past 10 years he has served over 400 soldiers and families in the form of therapeutic fishing trips, family-focused outdoor activities, and even direct funds to Fort Carson soldiers who may not be able to afford groceries or utilities. He directly supports the rehabilitation of our local soldiers.

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Donala Water and Sanitation District, Dec. 10
2021 finances and policy changes established

By Jennifer Kaylor

At the Dec. 10 meeting, the Donala Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors reviewed resolutions to approve the 2021 budget, received recommendations about policy changes, and honored the service of a retiring utilities staff member. Director Bill George attended the meeting via GoToMeeting and the remaining directors and staff attended in person.

2021 budget confirmed

Directors reviewed five resolutions to address the various facets of adopting the 2021 budget. Resolution 2020-9 confirmed that the budget had been published and was open to public inspection, and taxpayers had been given opportunity to register objections. Estimated expenditures for the year totaled \$12.30 million. Revenues reached \$25.79 million. The next resolution, 2020-10, appropriated the revenues to their respective budgetary funds.

The rates resolution, 2020-11, set the rates and fees for 2021 with a 3% increase. The minimum water service rate increased from \$27 per month to \$27.81 per month. Water use tiers reflected a bump from \$7.11 to \$7.32 for tier one, and the remaining tiers showed subsequent increases.

The property tax mill levy was separated into two resolutions: one

mill levy for area A, the major geographic of the district in which residents receive both water and wastewater services, and a lower mill levy for area B. Residents in area B receive only wastewater services and are thus subject to fewer mills. Resolutions 2020-12 and 2020-13 established revenue from area A as \$1.97 million and area B revenue as \$3,299, and their corresponding mills were levied at 21.296 and 10.648, respectively.

Members of the public did not offer comment and the directors passed all resolutions.

Generally, board meeting packets are available on the district’s website by accessing District Information>Board & Public Meetings>Meetings>Board Packet. Budget 2021 documents are available on pdf pages 13 through 36. Note: Occasionally file size issues hamper timely posting of packets.

Policy changes approved

General Manager Jeff Hodge presented his recommendations for policy changes pertaining to district property, equipment, and vehicles. The board had requested a review of the district’s policies at an earlier date.

Hodge confirmed that his recommendations were based on a review of Donala’s current policies as well as recommendations of the Special District Association of Colorado. Es-

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