

agreement between Schmidt Construction Co. and the district for the 2018 road maintenance project in the amount of \$1.7 million. Also during public comments, Remington challenged the employment agreement between Triview and Schmidt Construction Co., by asking what contractual controls guaranteed that the district would receive the full value of the \$1.7 million road rehabilitation project. McGrady stated that Town of Monument Engineering Assistant Tom Martinez would be available to provide day-to-day inspection services; Schmidt conducts all lab tests in which results are provided to McGrady, Martinez, and consultant H.R. Green; and risk is minimized because Schmidt owns the asphalt plants and trucking firm and guarantees the price.

The board approved all three actions unanimously.

Operations report generates discussion and ideas

McGrady reported that negotiations about the west interceptor financing have slowed. Home Place Ranch is disinclined to pay its full share of \$1 million because it hasn't received approval from the Town of Monument. Another developer, CSI, is willing to advance additional funds on behalf of Home Place Ranch during its approval process to spur progress on the west interceptor; however, CSI expressed concerns about the possible Jackson Creek Parkway expansion and potential interference with continued building.

The Raftelis rate study also experienced delays because of the unexpected proposal from CSU to regionalize utility services (see related Donala article on page 18 and www.ocn.me/v18n4.htm#dwsd for more detailed information regarding regional collaboration). The rate study, initiated to provide accurate information for the board to establish long-term water rates and infrastructure plans, will require different calculations if regionalization occurs. The district's renewable water shares and current distribution system bring significant assets to the negotiating table.

The opportunity for Triview to connect to CSU's wastewater facilities may alter the current plan to expand the Upper Monument Creek Waste Water Treatment Facility (to increase hydraulic capacity, enhance nutrient removal, and meet changing regulations) and potentially save the district millions of dollars. McGrady, the directors, and District Water Attorney Chris Cummins discussed various strategies, benefits, and possible pitfalls in regionalizing wastewater and/or water.

Residents raise construction traffic concerns; potential solutions discussed

Promontory Pointe residents Erik Demkowicz, Adrian Limon, and Paul Gibbons expressed appreciation for the board's work and presented separate but similar arguments that the development of Home Place Ranch and Sanctuary Pointe will generate excessive construction traffic through Promontory Pointe. Gleneagle Drive from Baptist Road is or may become the major ingress/egress for the three areas. The residents

stated that the potential onslaught of construction traffic threatened the neighborhood's safety, quality of life, and to burden taxpayers with wear-and-tear-related costs.

Their proposed solution is for Triview to require Classic Homes and/or Challenger Homes to extend Gleneagle Drive to Higby Road and stipulate that construction traffic use the Higby-Gleneagle junction to access the developments. Limon stated that he is circulating an online petition regarding this issue. Gibbons suggested that, for future planning, the district examine the process of transferring road ownership from developers to the district and consider higher impact fees or delay road ownership transfers until all construction is complete.

McGrady confirmed that representatives from Classic and Challenger recognize the concerns and are working with the Town of Monument to find solutions. A connector road from Gleneagle Drive to Higby Road is fraught with complications. The right-of-way from the northern tip of Gleneagle Drive to Higby Road has not been established, plus a road must contend with Preble's mouse habitat restrictions and a potential reservoir in Home Place Ranch. McGrady spoke of possibly directing construction traffic onto a ranch road temporarily. Millings from the district's road rehabilitation project could be used as a temporary road base and potentially save the district money. Shupp planned to research Triview's authority in posting "No Construction Traffic" signs.

Additional comments noted

Director Marco Fiorito, speaking for the Promontory Pointe homeowners' association, stated that the former problem with Kansas Pacific Court's "undulating" has returned; the same spots in the pavement from about a year ago are sinking again. He also requested the district's help with creating a landscape barrier to block headlight intrusion into a home adjacent to the train park.

Promontory Pointe resident King Parsons inquired about the cleanup schedule for dog stations. McGrady confirmed that dog stations are emptied on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Other activities in the district

Water Superintendent Shawn Sexton reported on several utilities issues that included:

- Programming corrections continue to result in significantly decreased wash water use and, consequently, a very small difference between water sold and water pumped.
- Modifications to A-Plant continue in preparation for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system installation, which is expected to be completed by the end of May.
- Well A-4 failed March 19 due to deteriorated ca-

pacitors in the pump motor's variable frequency

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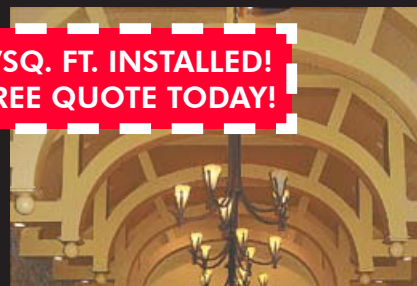
Tri-Lakes AWANA is a family made up of more than eight churches and offers Club for Cubbies age 4-5, Sparkies grades K-2, TnT grades 3-6, Trek grades 7-8, and Journey grades 9-12. The club meets weekly throughout the school year on Wednesdays from 6-7:45 p.m.

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