

Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, April 8

Board to study North Monument Creek Interceptor project

By James Howald

At its April meeting, the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) board voted on a resolution to study the North Monument Creek Interceptor (NMCI) project. The board also heard operational reports from staff.

New strategy to reduce costs, facilitate reuse

District Manager Jessie Shaffer presented Resolution No. 19-04 to the board. The resolution authorizes the district to investigate the benefits of participating in the NMCI.

Shaffer said he expected this project to reduce the cost of processing the district's wastewater.

Currently, the district's wastewater is processed at the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility (TLWTF) at 16510 Mitchell Ave. in Monument. This

facility treats wastewater from Monument and Palmer Lake.

The NMCI would allow the district to bypass the TLWTF, instead sending its wastewater to the JD Phillips Water Resource Recovery Facility (JDPWRRF) at 4205 Mark Dabling Blvd. in Colorado Springs. The JDPWRRF can process 20 million gallons of wastewater daily, but currently handles about 12 million, giving it 8 million in unused capacity. The facility is run by Colorado Springs Utilities.

The JDPWRRF can already meet higher standards that are expected in the future, and serves 500,000 customers, so the cost of any future upgrades would be spread over a large customer base.

Coinciding with the NMCI project, potable water would be returned to WWSD and other water districts via a

pipeline to be built along Highway 83, Hodgen Road, and Baptist Road.

Shaffer said the Air Force Academy's new Visitor Center would likely participate in the project.

The board voted unanimously to approve the resolution to allow the district to participate in studying the project.

Highlights of operational reports

- The district has hired two full-time employees to work on ditch maintenance at the Chilcott Ranch.
- Irrigation at the Chilcott Ranch is underway to assist with the district's revegetation commitments.
- Two of the district's wells—well 18 and well 9r—are currently offline due to equipment failure
- Well 9r, which produced 200 gallons per minute in 2004, is currently producing only 100 gallons

per minute from the Denver aquifer.

- Construction of the pipeline to deliver water from well 21, the district's newest well, to the district's processing facility is underway.
- The Monument Hill Road Sewer and Water Line Replacement project is substantially complete, with only punch list items remaining.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 10 at 1 p.m. Meetings are usually held at the district office at 1845 Woodmoor Drive on the second Monday of each month at 1 p.m. See www.woodmoorwater.com or call 488-2525 to verify meeting times.

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Triview Metropolitan District, April 16

District takes steps toward collaboration

By Jennifer Kaylor

The Triview Metropolitan District Board of Directors met April 16 to plan for a potential work session with the Town of Monument and discuss progress on the study for a drinking water pipeline. A district resident appealed to the board for reimbursement of sidewalk replacement expenses.

Secretary/Treasurer James Barnhart was excused.

The April 16 board meeting packet is available online at https://triviewmetro.com/assets/documents/board/agenda/2019/BoardPacket_2019-04-16.pdf

Triview and town to consider coordination, cooperation

Vice President Marco Fiorito said the Town of Monument expressed enthusiasm for Triview's invitation to meet for a work session. After discussing potential May dates, the board developed a preliminary agenda. The North Monument Creek Interceptor (NMCI) and western interceptor projects; Higy Road and the Jackson Creek Parkway widening project; and commercial development in the Tri-Lakes area comprised initial thoughts. A mutual tour of facilities was also proposed.

Continued brainstorming led to ideas for collaboration or cooperation regarding a long-term view for attracting commercial development and creating a master plan for roads and residential development. Several directors commented on the district's challenge of having the responsibility for maintaining roads but having no authority in deciding where and how they are constructed. President Mark Melville suggested that the district should be more involved in the planning process to ensure that future roads are built in a manner that is convenient and good for

Triview residents.

Potential for drinking water transport springs forward

In February 2019, four water providers in northern El Paso County—Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD), Donala Water and Sanitation District, the Town of Monument, and Triview—agreed to jointly fund a study to explore routing options for a potential regional drinking water pipeline project. This pipeline would transport currently inaccessible drinking water from renewable southern resources, as opposed to local nonrenewable aquifers, to the four water suppliers. See related Monument Board of Trustees April 1 article on page 1. JDS-Hydro, the contractor conducting the study, may be prepared to recommend routing options in early May.

District Manager Jim McGrady maintained that the engineers must consider copious elements in determining route recommendations. One route that holds promise may cut through a portion of El Paso County-owned Fox Run Park and, thus, potentially entangle the district in legal complications depending on the county's perspective. An additional hurdle is the onset of specific road paving projects that could squeeze the pipe installation into a very tight time frame as well as earlier-than-expected expense. Engineers also anticipate installing 24-inch pipe along specific sections; as the diameter of the pipe increases maneuverability decreases. Other factors include coordination with developers and avoidance of installing the pipeline in proximity to other utilities.

Resident requests reimbursement

During the public comments portion of the meeting, Triview resident Don

Smith presented his argument for reimbursement of sidewalk replacement expenses. He stated he had been informed in February 2018 by the district that Triview would repair or replace a sidewalk only as part of a curb and gutter upgrade in preparation for street repair. Describing his sidewalk as sinking, cracking, and a potential safety hazard, Smith contracted to have the sidewalk replaced at his expense in April 2018. Smith recounted that other sidewalks in his neighborhood were replaced during summer 2018 and later learned that his neighbors did not incur any personal expense.

Smith reflected that he received misinformation from the district but was willing to accept reimbursement according to what the district would pay for a similar repair. Since Triview's projects are usually quite large, economy of scale—the bigger the job, the lower the cost per unit—would likely reduce the per-square-foot reimbursement to Smith and not fully repay his sidewalk invoice.

Director Anthony Sexton inquired if Smith's curb and gutter were damaged, and Smith confirmed that they were not. Director James Otis requested that Smith provide a copy of his sidewalk replacement invoice. Smith thanked the board for its consideration. President Mark Melville thanked Smith for his patience. The directors did not resolve the issue at this meeting.

Projects and finances reviewed

McGrady and support staff provided progress reports regarding current Triview projects and associated financial transactions that included:

- McGrady reported that Andale Construction estimated a construction time frame between June 1 and Aug. 31 for applying the HA-5 asphalt coating to select streets in the Promontory Pointe and Remington Hills subdivisions. Andale aims to capitalize on warmer night-time temperatures to quickly dry the life-extending coating on current pavement. Using expanded, high resolution maps, the district will also work with Martin Marietta to identify and fill cracks in the two subdivisions before the HA-5 is applied.
- Kiewit and Martin Marietta submitted statements of qualifications for the initial bidding phase to lead the Jackson Creek Parkway

widening project as construction manager/general contractor, or CMGC. See page 16 of the board packet for the project's anticipated progress schedule and parameters of the selection process.

- Plans to participate in the NMCI continued to develop. McGrady reported that a 4,000-foot, 21-inch diameter section of current wastewater infrastructure that Triview and Forest Lakes Metropolitan District (FLMD) jointly own may assimilate well with the projected route of the NMCI. Triview and FLMD may seek financial credit from Colorado Springs Utilities, the leader of the project, if the section of pipe is used.
- In response to Parks and Open Space Superintendent Jay Bateman's update on landscaping plans, the directors expressed a desire to limit formal turf—which is more maintenance-heavy, more costly, and consumes more water—to intersections and to cultivate natural turf for landscaping between intersections. Sexton recommended a natural turf seed called Nature's Prairie.
- McGrady confirmed that that plans to erect a small building at the district's A-yard continue to progress. This location is being developed for storage of traction control materials and some equipment.
- Checks over \$5,000 and financial statements were approved unanimously. See pp. 29-93 of the board packet.

The meeting ended at 7:21 p.m., after which directors entered executive session §24-6-402(4)(b)(e) Legal Advice, Negotiations.

McGrady confirmed later that the board made no additional decisions or votes following the executive session.

The next Triview board meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. May 21. Board meetings are generally scheduled on the third Tuesday of the month at the district office, 16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 300, Monument. Information: 488-6868 or visit www.triviewmetro.com. See also "Triview Metropolitan District" on Facebook, or Twitter. com/@TriviewMetro.

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