

related to the bond issue.

- PPMD 1 2020 budget amendment related to bond issue. It achieved its goal to reduce the debt service mill levy.
- 2021 budgets and appropriating funds for FLMD, PPMD 1, PPMD 2, and PPMD 3.
- 2021 mill levies for PPMD 1 and PPMD 2.

Nichols said the opportunity had arisen to purchase an unused water line from Triview Metropolitan District. FLMD could use this infrastructure instead of building a new line for water distribution on the west side of Falcon Commerce center in PPMD 3. Lenz reminded Nichols that the board hadn't heard about this possibility before and needed to approve it, but the consensus was that saving "a big chunk of money" was a great idea.

She said \$125,000 is in the 2021 budget for FLMD's half of a joint project with the developer to replace turf

grass in playground park with Astro-turf.

North Monument Creek Interceptor

Nichols said the regional wastewater NMCI project has had few meetings since construction on the Air Force Academy Visitor Center has slowed down. Also, water districts in northern El Paso County need to be comfortable knowing they could get their water return flows back before they can support NMCI, which would send wastewater down to Colorado Springs.

FLMD ratified a memorandum of understanding about the northern water delivery system siting study that has also been approved by Triview. Other northern county water entities including Donala Water and Sanitation District, Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, and the Town of Monument are also discussing signing this non-binding agreement which would provide evidence of

their coordination to design a northern water delivery system that could bring the return flows back uphill.

Stimple said FLMD is a relatively small player but would benefit greatly if the project gets completed. Initially, FLMD didn't plan to participate in the related northern water delivery system, but after Bristlecone Lake got so low this summer, it is rethinking the need to use its return flows, Nichols said.

Southern trail status, lake parking, security

Nichols said most of the trail south of Bristlecone Lake was now open to residents. It is still closed before it crosses Beaver Creek due to construction in Filing 5. She said Classic Homes thinks within a month the trail could loop to the north side for 3.5 miles, pleasing a lot of residents. Eventually there will also be a bridge across the creek.

Tom Blunk of CP Real Estate Capital, representing Forest Lakes

LLC and Forest Lakes Residential Development, said Forest Lakes LLC's intent was that sometime in 2021 it would deed the trail property to the district. Right now, it is an access easement.

AJ Slavick asked Nichols to check with Steve Emery about when the lake parking lot will be unlocked. The PPMD1 board discussed at length the amount of security needed by Hammersmith Management to make sure only Forest Lakes residents and people who have purchased permits are accessing the lake.

The meetings of FLMD and PPMD 1, 2, and 3 are usually held the first Monday of each month at 4 p.m. Meeting notices are posted on <https://forest-lakesmetrodistrict.com/>. For general questions, contact District Manager Ann Nichols, 719-327-5810, anichol-sduffy@aol.com.

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Triview Metropolitan District, Dec. 10

\$5.5 million for water storage tops 2021 list of needs

By Jennifer Kaylor

At the Dec. 10 Triview Metropolitan District Board of Directors meeting, the board conducted its 2021 budget public hearing. Staff and directors also expressed their appreciation for general counsel Gary Shupp's many years of service.

All board directors, Water Superintendent Shawn Sexton, and district

accountant Cathy Fromm attended the meeting remotely. District Manager Jim McGrady, water attorney Chris Cummins, Shupp, and Parks and Open Space Superintendent Matt Rayno attended in person.

Triview is a Title 32 special district in Monument that provides road, landscaping, and parks and open space maintenance, and water

and wastewater services to Jackson Creek, Promontory Pointe, Sanctuary Pointe, and several commercial areas. See <https://triviewmetro.com/districtMap> for a map of district boundaries.

The Dec. 10 meeting agenda and board packet may be accessed via https://triviewmetro.com/assets/documents/board/agenda/2020/Agenda_2020-12-10_final.pdf and https://triviewmetro.com/assets/documents/board/agenda/2020/boardPacket_2020-12-10.pdf, respectively.

2021 budget components crystallize

President Mark Melville opened the public hearing to receive commentary about Triview's 2021 budget. No members of the public commented, and the hearing was closed.

McGrady comprehensively reviewed the district's anticipated revenue, expenses, and capital projects for the new year. Triview functions under two funds: a general fund and a water and wastewater enterprise fund. The first two general fund revenue line items confirmed the district's intent to collect only 27 of its levy of 35 mills for 2021. Revenue estimated at \$2.6 million reflected a property tax assessment of 26 mills to pay for debt service. One additional property tax mill provided an estimated \$101,330 for operations, resulting in the 27-mill total that the board approved at its November meeting.

Anticipating development of about 150 homes, or single-family equivalents, the budget forecast dipped in one-time developer fees such as drainage impact; road and bridge; and park, recreation, and landscape fees compared to 2020 revenue. McGrady planned to hire a consultant to review developer fees to ensure cost-sharing equity.

The enterprise fund reflected that most of its revenue is generated from customers' water and wastewater service fees plus base rates and administrative fees. McGrady confirmed that none of those fees increased for the next fiscal year. Customer service revenue forecast for the enterprise fund included \$1.8 million and \$1.7 million from water and wastewater,

respectively. The base rate and administrative fees were projected to add another \$867,221. Fromm confirmed that the district's renewable water fee, Comanche lease, and interest income would be funneled into the enterprise fund's debt service.

Most regular expenses for the two funds reflected moderate increases with more dramatic jumps demonstrating the district's growth, e.g., electrical costs to pump water to additional homes and doubled efforts to maintain a water line cleaning schedule. Some added costs included a rental and cleaning service for Public Works and Parks personnel uniforms and in-house design and enhancement of landscaping at the northwest corner of Leather Chaps Drive and Baptist Road.

McGrady described several pieces of equipment and a few projects that comprised general capital. The equipment would serve to enhance the efficiency and utility of Public Works and Parks crews' expanded repair and maintenance tasks resulting from district growth. This category also reflected a maximum of \$500,000 to complete construction of the Public Works building. Additional capital was set aside to outfit the building with computers and other office equipment as well as array Triview's new office location with desks and furniture. McGrady explained that the district's current desks and office furniture would eventually be transferred to the Public Works building. Completion of the mill and overlay of Leather Chaps Drive was the only planned road project, but work on Kitchener Way might also be considered.

Some of the enterprise fund's capital projects designated funds to support improvements or enhancements to the district's water pumps and automated well system as well as design and permitting for the North Monument Creek Interceptor—a potential regional wastewater system—and a potential drinking water regional northern delivery system.

Throughout 2020 and into 2021, the district had been and will have been acquiring renewable water and water storage rights. These acquisi-

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