

ing approval from El Paso County after which Donala could publish a request for proposals.

- Directors scheduled a full-day tour and orientation for April 2.

At 2:20 p.m., directors adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled as a workshop and will begin at 9 a.m. on April 15. Generally, board meetings are held the third Thursday of the month and include online access due to coronavirus restrictions; call (719)488-3603 or access www.donalawater.org to receive up-to-date meeting information. The district

office is located at 15850 Holbein Drive, Colorado Springs. See <https://www.donalawater.org> for more information about the district.

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Triview Metropolitan District, March 18

Warmer weather gives rise to project activity

By Jennifer Kaylor

District staff updated the Triview Metropolitan District Board of Directors on their respective areas of expertise at the March 18 meeting. Vice President Marco Fiorito led the meeting in President Mark Melville's absence. Palmer Lake Board Trustees Sam Padgett and Nicole Currier, exploring ideas and information about water delivery and resources, attended the online meeting as guests.

The March 18 agenda and board meeting packet may be accessed via https://triviewmetro.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Agenda_2021-03-18_final.pdf and https://triviewmetro.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/BoardPacket_2021-03-18.pdf, respectively.

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

2021 projects gain momentum

Several project updates comprised District Manager Jim McGrady's report, including a somewhat dormant project to install a water pipeline from the intersection of Higby Road and Jackson Creek Parkway (JCP), under I-25, and to the northern section of the Conexus development which lies west of I-25. The 16-inch pipe's capacity should serve not only the additional portion of Conexus customers but neighboring districts that may choose to partner with Triview—such as Monument and Palmer Lake for emergency needs or as part of another Triview project called the Northern Delivery System—as well as other potential developments. Once the Colorado Department of Transportation approves the plan to bore under the highway, McGrady anticipated a start date around March 29 and a completion time frame of about two months.

In response to directors' questions, McGrady explained that the "upsized" diameter from the original plan of 12-inch pipe to 16-inch pipe would match estimated daily continuous flows of 1,500 gallons per minute (GPM), as well as catastrophic fire flow needs of up to 4,000 GPM. He added that the cost differential between the two sizes was slight since the larger size would help overcome elevation gains and maintain adequate water pressure. Describing his understanding of proposed development for the west side of I-25, McGrady affirmed the plan to install pipe with a larger diameter.

Switching to the topic of the Northern Delivery System, McGrady outlined the system's water tank location and its impact on surrounding trails and vegetation. Semi-buried and with a maximum 10-foot above-ground height, the tank would be placed on the south side of Baptist Road across from Sanctuary Pointe with a pipeline connection coming from the southern end of Fox Run Regional Park. The position received a thumbs-up from El Paso County Parks personnel despite the need to divert one trail to the south.

The trail in question runs along a ridge and is subject to erosion, so the district's proposed redirection of the trail is ultimately beneficial. The tank site, protected by a perimeter of security fencing and a gated access road plus vegetation enhancements to camouflage its surroundings, will be maintained by Triview. McGrady expected to receive geographic information systems (GIS) renderings of the site for public review in the next few weeks.

Addressing the recently completed well house-restroom facility in Sanctuary Pointe, McGrady reported that options for restroom maintenance and hours of operation were being considered. He forecasted that the area would build in popularity over the next year as the park reaches completion. Parks and Open Space Superintendent Matt Rayno confirmed that the restrooms were equipped to be open year-round, and the magnetic locks could be programmed for varying times to accommodate seasonal changes and special events. He discussed preliminary plans to add sur-

veillance equipment for the restrooms and park.

McGrady reported on the 2021 overlay project bid response. This project completes the mill and overlay work of Leather Chaps from Bear Creek Elementary School (BCES) to JCP. Martin Marietta rose to the top with a bid of \$357,291. The two remaining bids were submitted by Kiewit and Schmidt, both of which proposed project costs over \$400,000. Marietta's bid fell about \$80,000 below the district's projected budget expense. Directors authorized McGrady to award the project to Martin Marietta and sign any and all necessary documents.

Public Works crews face off against snow

As of the board meeting, the Triview community had received about 115 inches of snow during the 2020-21 snow season, reported Rayno. Consecutive snowfalls consumed most of the Public Works' time and energy throughout February and March. Commenting on the March 14-15 storm, Rayno praised his crews for their outstanding work and many long hours. Closing JCP for a few hours early Monday morning provided much needed time and opportunity for plows to stay ahead of the accumulation, he said. Snow crews employed the use of a borrowed front-end loader that allowed them to deposit snow in otherwise inaccessible areas. Cars and other vehicles parked on the street, however, remained a significant source of frustration and potential damage—to both district equipment and residents' automobiles. See winter streets standards https://triviewmetro.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/WinterStreetStandards_v2.pdf

McGrady characterized the storm's impact on district personnel as worse than the March 2019 bomb cyclone. Reserving hotel rooms for snow crews and arranging for on-call tow truck service were strategies the district employed as part of the action plan created from the previous blizzard.

Additional reports and actions

- The district's new website was live as of March 23.
- McGrady confirmed that district accountant Cathy Fromm corrected a 2021 budget line item error that gave the appearance of overspending on the A-yard building project.
- Two public hearings were conducted for resolutions 2021-02 and 2021-03 for adopting a budget, imposing a mill levy, and appropriating funds for Triview subdistricts A and B, respectively. Both resolutions reflected zero dollar amounts in the budgets and mill levies. The board approved the resolutions to satisfy state budget regulatory expectations.
- In response to Water Superintendent Shawn Sexton's report, McGrady confirmed that unmeasured water in newly constructed homes might be a significant contributor to the district's volume pumped vs. volume sold disparity.
- Triview's Parks and Open Space staff and Town of Monument staff collaborated to remove the concrete culverts in the native area west of BCES. Rayno affirmed the teamwork of all involved and expressed appreciation that the eyesore had been removed.
- Progress on the South Reservoir Complex continued despite weather challenges, so the April 26 estimated completion date remained intact. Next steps included installing Rubicon gates needed to divert water off of the Excelsior Ditch and ditch cleaning and maintenance. McGrady established a goal of May 1 for the ditch to receive water flows.
- The Pueblo Reservoir Excess Capacity Agreement continued to move along. Two of four chapters of the environmental assessment were ready for submission to the Colorado Bureau of Reclamation. McGrady expected to have a contract in place by July 15.

At 6:57 p.m., the board entered executive session §24-6-402(4)(a)(b) and (e) acquisitions, legal advice, and negotiations regarding the following general topics: negotiations associated with water delivery infrastructure; negotiations associated with water storage

on the Arkansas River and its tributaries; negotiations with potential contractors and miners concerning the Stonewall Springs Reservoir Complex; and negotiations regarding acquisition of renewable water resources. OCN later confirmed that the board did not make reportable decisions following the executive session.

Triview board meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 22. The district office is located at 16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 302. Check the district's website, <https://triviewmetro.com/>, or call 488-6868 for meeting updates and to confirm if the meeting will be in person or online/teleconference. See also "Triview Metropolitan District" on Facebook or Twitter.com/@TriviewMetro.

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