

in the line from the grease interceptor to the main, and it was removed. Parker has asked Alphalete to help locate the outside service line so that it can be added to the district's GIS database by GMS Inc.

**NMCI update, Parker review**

- Board member John Howe reported that the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility (TLWWTF) Joint Use Committee (JUC) welcomed Bill Clewe from the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) as a new director to replace Lee Hanson, who retired to move to

Arizona, and that all three districts had rejected adding additional holidays.

- On Aug. 4, Parker and representatives from GMS Inc. attended a North Monument Creek Interceptor (NMCI) project update. Colorado Springs Utilities wants to keep water and wastewater separate. Parker feels the northern entities will say no to NMCI and pursue a different solution.
- The board unanimously approved resolution 21-08182021-1 authorizing the memorandum of agree-

ment regarding the Arnold Avenue Bridge permanent and temporary easements for El Paso County and authorizing Parker to execute necessary documents. This document has been reviewed by all owners of TLWWTF, which is located near Arnold Avenue.

- The board went into executive session regarding the 90-day probationary period review of Parker and a review of Operations staff member Kendrick.

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Monument Sanitation District meetings are normally held at 9 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month in the district conference room at 130 Second St., Monument. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Sept. 15 at 9 a.m. See <https://colorado.gov/msd>. For a district service map, see <https://colorado.gov/pacific/msd/district-map-0>. Information: 719-481-4886.

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Triview Metropolitan District, Aug. 19

Public safety, a common priority

*By Jennifer Kaylor*

The Triview Metropolitan District's Board of Directors received public commentary and conducted a public hearing to amend the 2020 audit at its Aug. 19 board meeting.

All staff, board directors, water attorney Chris Cummins, and general counsel George Rowley attended the meeting either online or in person.

The July 22 agenda and board meeting packet may be accessed via <https://triviewmetro.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Agenda-8-19-21-Triview.pdf> and <https://triviewmetro.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Triview-Board-Packet-for-8.19.2021.pdf>, respectively.

Triview is a Title 32 special district in Monument that provides road, park, and open space maintenance, as well as water, stormwater, and wastewater services to Jackson Creek, Promontory Pointe, Sanctuary Pointe, and commercial areas bordered by Old Denver Road to the west.

Police chief conveys departmental needs

Monument Police Chief Sean Hemingway offered commentary during the public comments segment of the meeting. He addressed Monument's proposed 0.5% sales tax increase and requested that the full amount be directed to the Police Department. Voters will approve or deny this increase in the November 2021 election. He acknowledged the town's communication failures with residents and Triview pertaining to the similar 2020 sales tax ballot measure and gave justifications for the 2021 increase.

Priority one was safety. Insufficient on-duty officer support was unacceptable and would eventually lead to someone getting hurt, either an officer or a resident, Hemingway said. The territory covered by the department includes not only Monument but Woodmoor, Palmer Lake, and Triview, and it provides support services into Gleneagle and Colorado Springs. Hemingway deemed the lack of officers, equipment, and training a high liability and an immediate need and cited the ability to investigate crimes, officer burnout, and salary and benefits in connection to officer retention and recruitment.

The second priority was school resource officers. Hemingway attested to the overlap between school truancy and crime in the community as well as the importance of establishing relationships in the schools. It is far better to have local officers respond to incidents at schools than to rely on support from neighboring police departments. Local police have established a rapport and are better equipped to communicate with students and staff.

His third concern was a motor fleet in which some vehicles are simply being "nursed along."

With an estimated total annual revenue of \$1.65 million, Hemingway confirmed that about 80% to 90% of the funds would cover salaries and that equipment acquisitions and upgrades would be spread out over five years. Capital improvement and employment would follow once equipment goals were reached. In response to a director's question,

Hemingway confirmed that there is no sunset clause on the additional tax. Any future extra funds would pay for inflation, population growth, and a potential relocation of police headquarters.

Triview directors supported the tax and directing the full amount to public safety but stated that the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between Triview and Monument put them in a quandary. The IGA stipulates that all sales tax is to be split evenly between the two entities. Because Triview and Monument had not developed a legal allowance for the additional sales tax, directors expressed concerns over the legality of the tax and public perception.

Water delivery pipeline taking shape

McGrady reported that plans for a potential surface water delivery system to water districts in the Tri-Lakes region—known as the Northern Delivery System—continued to move forward. Recent communication with the El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department's Executive Director Craig Dossey indicated that the essential step of a 1041 permit may possibly undergo an administrative review and approval instead of a commissioners' hearing. This would save about 45 days in the permitting process, but it would also expedite the need for Triview to complete a Parks and Land Agreement since the pipeline cuts through Fox Run Park. Due to the number and complexity of the project's components that must be addressed simultaneously, JDS Hydro, the engineering firm designing the pipeline, dedicated additional staff to better meet deadlines.

A section of the Northern Delivery System that extends from Jackson Creek Parkway and under I-25 to just west of the highway was completed. A separate obligation caused the contractor, Native Sun, to postpone completion of the section known as Segment D for about three weeks, McGrady said. See related *Forest Lakes* article on page 9 and *BOCC* article on page 23.

Additional actions and updates

- During public comment, resident Ken Kimple requested that the district promote xeriscaping and fire mitigation in landscape designs. McGrady stated that the district

does not benefit from early access to design plans. Kimple praised parks and open space crews for their progress and added that a few drip lines still service patches of barren

ground.

- President Mark Melville opened the public hearing for Triview's 2020 budget amendment. No one from the community commented on

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