

or against the proposed rates. For details, see the PDF on Triview's website.

Fences, plowing, and trees

Three Triview residents spoke with public comments and questions for the directors, and district staff said they would do individual follow-up to questions they could not answer.

Dan Sailer asked if Triview had an obligation to replace privacy fences along Baptist Road that had blown down in the January windstorm. He felt it was an inappropriate use of district money to do so. Remington explained the district was not responsible for privacy fences and that the only privacy fences that are allowed in Triview now are ones that already exist and are "grandfathered in."

Later in the meeting, she explained that previous boards had decided that any district-maintained fences along its open space would be maintained as four-rail fences. The board consensus was that residents could replace their existing privacy fences at their own expense, or they can ask Triview to install and pay for a new split-rail fence in its place that would adhere to current district specifications.

Arlene Fisher-Olson was concerned about the water pressure in her home and asked if the new water tank at Sanctuary Pointe could impact her water pressure. Cichocki explained water pressure may increase slightly or fluctuate while the

pumps adjust, but should normalize once that is complete. He offered to do a home visit to check if the water pressure issue was related to the home's plumbing.

Tommy Olson asked how often district water tanks were cleaned, because the chlorine taste in water coming into his home was very strong. Cichocki explained the district has two water tanks that are monitored quarterly and are cleaned every 10 years per regulation through divers using sanitized wetsuits and equipment. The last cleaning occurred two years ago. Cichocki explained that the chlorine smell was likely due to the filling of the new water tank at Sanctuary Pointe and that people in Promontory Pointe and along Kitchener Drive would be more likely to notice it because that is where the water blends in the system and then goes through "tributaries" to the rest of the distribution system.

Olson complimented the district for its snow plowing around the mailboxes near his home but said that on Gleneagle Drive only half the road appeared to be getting cleared thoroughly, and he indicated that water melts and freezes in the area below the model homes. Bolander said they are focusing more on sanding that area and working on improvements.

Olson was also concerned about the number of dead trees along Gleneagle and asked if the district had plans to replace

them. He recommended prior to replacing the trees that they check the waterlines to ensure they aren't clogged.

Later in the meeting, Bolander said he would be working with resident Anthony Sexton, who has offered his landscape maintenance expertise to the district, to see if they have allocated enough resources to keep the parks looking nice in the future. Cichocki said the deciduous trees that were originally planted along Gleneagle Drive were inappropriate to the local soil, and evergreens thrive better. Triview replaces thousands of dollars in trees each year, and plans are to replace some each year.

Remington said last summer she looked into a new landscape company to assist with improvements to the open space, and she has found a new supplier who specializes in native trees. Secretary Mark Melville recommended the board consider funding an analysis on "greening up our common spaces."

Public postings and indemnification

The directors unanimously approved two resolutions. One said that official public meeting posting places will remain the same as in 2016. They include:

- Triview office, 16055 Old Forest Point
- El Paso County clerk and recorder
- Creekside Park
- Old Creek Park
- Burke Hollow Park

- Oxbow Park
- Venison Park

They also agreed to send copies of meeting notices to the Promontory Pointe homeowners association so they could hang up the notices in Promontory Pointe Park, but this will be an unofficial posting place.

A second resolution affirmed an existing policy in regards to indemnification of directors and employees of the district.

Financial report

Remington presented the financial report as of Nov. 30. Her comments included:

- The general fund professional services category was over budget, but it was worth it to help deal with the events of 2016, including the water leak last summer.
- Operations and maintenance were also above budget due to extraordinary circumstances last year.
- Water revenue ran behind in 2016. The good news, and the bad news, is that conservation is working.
- Capital projects revenue was only at 15 percent of what was budgeted for 2016 due to fewer new tap fees being sold.
- The tap fee price increases May 1, and she anticipates developers will pre-pay for more taps before that deadline.
- Enterprise fund expenses were 185 percent of 2016

budget, about \$775,000 over budget, but this is due to Promontory Pointe expenditures that will be reimbursed by Classic Homes.

Bolander and Treasurer Marco Fiorito asked for a clearer way to display the finances to show what revenue is being set aside for predetermined purposes.

This month's checks over \$5,000 were:

- JDS-Hydro, Sanctuary Pointe pump station – \$9,109
- Schmueser & Associates, Sanctuary Pointe booster pump station – \$137,873
- Donala Water and Sanitation District, quarterly/monthly sanitation – \$137,282
- Monson, Cummins & Shohet LLC, district water attorney – \$7,695

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

The next Triview meeting will be held Feb. 14 at 5 p.m. at the Fairfield Inn, Mt. Herman Conference Room, 15275 Struthers Road, Colorado Springs. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Information: 488-6868 or see www.colorado.gov/triviewmetro. See also "Triview Metropolitan District" on Facebook, or Twitter.com/@TriviewMetro.

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Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, Jan. 12

Growth in district increases demand for water

By James Howald

The Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) board met on Jan. 12 to consider a request for supplemental water service from Woodmoor Village, and to hear operational reports from district staff.

Local brewpub drives demand for additional

water

At a previous meeting of the board, Greg Nagel, the owner of Woodmoor Village LLC, requested a supplemental water service agreement. The request was made to allow one of his tenants, Pikes Peak Brewing Co., to expand its operations, Nagel said. In that earlier meet-

ing, the board authorized District Manager Jessie Shaffer and Attorney Erin Smith to work out the details of the agreement.

The agreement required a covenant to be put in place for Nagel's property, Shaffer said.

At the January meeting, the board reviewed the details of the agreement that Shaffer and Smith had written, and voted unanimously to approve it.

Operational reports show district in good financial shape

The financial report presented to the board showed that revenues for 2016 came in at 122.5 percent of the planned amount due to the increase in devel-

opment in the district, and at the same time operational costs were about 97 percent of the budgeted amount.

High radium level a cause for concern

In his Joint Use Committee report, Director Rich Strom mentioned that high radium levels in water from Monument well 9 will require remediation. Well 9 has been shut down, Strom said, and added that Monument will work with a consulting company to develop a plan to manage the issue. The high radium levels may require the treatment plant to change the way it disposes of sludge, according to Strom.

Siphon repair planned

for Chilcott ditch

Shaffer reported that a project to replace the siphon used by the Chilcott ditch will go out to bid on Jan. 20. The siphon was originally built in 1940, Shaffer said.

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. Meetings are usually held at the district office at 1845 Woodmoor Drive on the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. See www.woodmoor-water.com or call 488-2525 to verify meeting times.

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Donala Water and Sanitation District, Jan. 19

Preliminary 2016 financial results reported

By Jim Kendrick

On Jan. 19, District General Manager Kip Petersen briefed Donala Water and Sanitation District board members on the December 2016 financial report, giving them a preliminary overview of full year's financial results. Donala completed 2016 with a balanced budget.

Financial reports

Petersen said Donala's total for 2016 water operating revenues through Dec. 31 was \$7.64 million—\$154,507 (2.06 percent) higher than the total amount budgeted. This difference was due primarily to the \$151,943 emergency water sale to Triview Metropolitan District and a \$75,000 FEMA grant for re-

building the secondary access road under the railroad trestle that a flood washed away. These two items offset the lower-than-average water sales revenue during a wet spring and early summer. The total for 2016 actual specific ownership tax and motor vehicle tax revenue was \$186,112—\$56,112 (43.2 percent) higher than budgeted.

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