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awards. Prairie Winds Elementary received a John Irwin Award and a Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award. The district was once again Accredited with Distinction and received an ELPA (English Language Proficiency Act) Excellence Award.

Kilmer Elementary Principal Drew Francis and Kilmer PTO Treasurer Ashley Hamershock were presented a certificate of appreciation to be given to The Grainger Foundation, which recently donated \$5,000 for a new shade structure at the school.

### New curriculum

The board discussed and approved curriculum for high school biology, World Cultures and Languages, and Advanced Placement Human Geography. While discussing the biology curriculum, Sampayo suggested that supplemental materials be offered to encourage students to think independently about such theories as evolution.

Clawson agreed that students should see various viewpoints but said that parents could help balance these viewpoints. Magerko and Pfoff said that the teachers should be trusted to offer additional sources and discus-

sion.

The board heard a first reading of policies on School Wellness (regarding nutrition education and physical activity) and Privacy and Protection of Confidential Student Information.

The board approved routine matters concerning personnel, finances and district operations.

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The Board of Education of Lewis-Palmer D-38 meets at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the district's Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. The next meeting is on April 20.

### Corrections

In the Feb. 16 D38 board article, Ana Konduris' name was spelled incorrectly. Also, Tammy John's name was not one of the names Pfoff mentioned in the list of individuals. OCN regrets the errors.

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## Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, March 9 Board updates ranch contract

By James Howald

The Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) board met on March 9 to consider two contracts with consulting companies, to reschedule its meeting in April, and to hear operational reports.

### Board renews contract with Resource Based International

District Manager Jessie Shaffer presented the board with an updated contract with Resource Based International (RBI) covering 2017. RBI assists the district with revegetation and weed control work on the JV Ranch. The updated contract specified that RBI's charges not exceed \$75,000 for 2017, according to Shaffer. RBI actually charged the district \$52,000 in 2016, Shaffer said, and he expects the final charges to be similar in 2017.

The board voted unanimously to authorize President Jim Taylor to sign the contract with RBI.

### Consulting services for ozone testing considered

Shaffer said three consulting companies had bid on consulting work to test the use of ozone treatment to improve the taste and odor of the district's lake water. AECOM's bid was \$234,000, Forsgren and Associate's bid was \$242,000, and TetraTech's bid was \$211,000, Shaffer said.

TetraTech has worked for the district before and has

a master contract already in place with the district, according to Shaffer.

The board voted unanimously to increase the budget line item for the testing by \$62,000 and to authorize Shaffer to begin the testing effort with TetraTech.

### April board meeting rescheduled

The board voted to hold its next meeting one week ahead of schedule, on April 6 at 1 p.m., to accommodate the schedules of board members.

### Operational report highlights

- The financial report showed a \$200,000 payment from Misty Acres for supplemental water service.
- Construction of the equipment storage building at JV Ranch is nearly complete.
- Following a discussion in executive session in February's meeting, the board voted to waive 90 percent of the supplemental water surcharge for Dina Newton. The reduced surcharge payment will be \$7,331.

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The next meeting is scheduled for April 6 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.woodmoorwater.com](http://www.woodmoorwater.com) or call 488-2525 to verify meeting times.

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### Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility Joint Use Committee, March 14

## Still working toward relationship with Town of Monument

By Lisa Hatfield

On March 14, the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility (TLW-WTF) Joint Use Committee (JUC) discussed its need for communication from the Monument Public Works Department and questions about technical issues related to the town's proposed water reuse plant.

TLWWTF operates as a separate joint venture public utility and is owned in equal one-third shares by Monument Sanitation District (MSD), Palmer Lake Sanitation District (PLSD), and Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD).

The three-member JUC acts as the board of the facility and consists of one director from each of the three owner districts' boards: WWSD board Director at Large Rich Strom, president; MSD board Chairman Ed Delaney, vice president; and PLSD board and JUC Secretary/Treasurer Ken Smith. Other board and staff members of the three owner districts also attended, including MSD District Manager Mike Wicklund, PLSD District Manager Becky Orcutt, and WWSD Assistant District Manager Randy Gillette.

### Town's relationship with JUC

Wicklund said, "If the Town of Monument is going to be planning things, you would think they would involve this board, because we have a facility here." He said if they



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