

Environment (CDPHE). Forsgren has been the town's "on call" engineering firm since 2012, he said, and it has already worked on preliminary phases of this project.

Tharnish said because the water from Well 4/5 is full of iron and manganese, which clogs up the filters many times a day, it currently costs more to operate that water treatment plant than the revenue it generates, so right now that well is only used in emergencies.

By doing this project, Well 4/5 could go back online this summer, and the \$350,000 total project cost was included in the 2017 budget, Tharnish said. The goal is to increase production from this well to bridge the water production gap until the Well 3/9 plant radium issue is resolved, he said.

Tharnish said that at the next meeting, he would explain more about the Request for Qualifications for the construction and installation, which will be bid out separately once CDPHE approves the design improvements and would cost around \$290,000. See related March 20 Board of Trustees meeting on page 8.

The trustees approved the work order resolution unanimously.

**Updates on radium, emergency water interconnection, and reuse plant**

Tharnish said that since Well 3/9 was a bigger source of water for the town than Well 4/5, the elevated radium issue there was a higher priority than the Well 4/5 plant. As soon as CDPHE approves the town's proposed design for treating the Well 3/9 water, the town would send out bids for construction, he said. Currently, Well 3/9 is only running when radium sampling is needed, but it is not being used for water supply to the town. See www.ocn.me/v16n11.htm#mbot1017.

Tharnish reminded the trustees that the "water supply" amendment to the town's Water Master Plan was outlined by Forsgren Associates in October. See www.ocn.me/v16n11.htm#mbot1003.

He updated the trustees about the options regarding an emergency water connection for the town's drinking water system west of I-25. His comments included:

- If Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) were ever able to provide water to Monument, it would be available

only in the off-peak season, at best.

- Any regional water from CSU would come at a very high cost. Donala District Manager Kip Petersen explained this to the board in October. See www.ocn.me/v16n11.htm#mbot1003.
- Tharnish recommended implementing the raw water emergency interconnection between WWSD and the town, which would become available upon the opening of the new water reuse plant. See Emergency Water Interconnection in www.ocn.me/v17n3.htm#mbot0206.

Trustee Dennis Murphy said three years was "too long" to wait to get the emergency connection with WWSD, even if it were free. He asked that Donala and Triview talk to the board again to explain all the pros and cons of connecting with their systems. "It is access to something versus access to nothing." Trustee Greg Coopman agreed, saying he wanted to hear about other options.

The proposed water reuse plant discussion was intermingled with the emergency water interconnection topic. Murphy and Coopman asked that Tharnish cite examples of other municipalities with successful indirect potable water reuse facilities the town could look at.

Town Manager Chris Lowe said various advanced technologies for water reuse were available and that he and Tharnish were discussing these with WWSD District

Manager Jessie Shaffer and had met with him the week before this meeting to toss ideas around. Lowe explained that since potable reuse is an emerging technology, a

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