

necting to when we don't have any more (ground) water?"

Lowe agreed that purchasing firm portfolio water rights for long-term renewable water supplies was critical and was on the longer-term horizon to come before the board. He said having more partners than Woodmoor would mean even more time to organize financing and agreements on construction design. "We all know the Denver Basin is going out. Will it

last 10 years? We don't know.... Nothing on this interconnect is preventing us from a larger connection to a larger system." For more on regionalization of small water districts, see related Triview article on page 8.

Lowe said the only reason he has not spoken yet to the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility (TLW-WTF) folks is that the town and WWSD don't know what type of reuse technology will be used yet, but as soon as they knew, they would share information with the TLWWTF Joint Use of Facilities Committee (JUC). WWSD is one of the JUC's three voting owners. See related TLWWTF JUC article on page 7.

Four new members of Planning Commission appointed

On May 15, Principal Planner Larry Manning introduced the trustees to four candidates for the Monument Planning Commission, whom they interviewed that night. That same night, he said he would also ask for feedback from the seated planning commissioners and show them the four resumes. Sometime after that, Vice Chair Kathy Spence had decided to resign, Manning said. See related Monument Planning Commission article on page 17.

Because Spence is leaving, and there was already one long-open regular position and two long-open alternate positions, all four new candidates who applied were appointed to the commission by a unanimous vote of the trustees on June 5.

Lowe suggested, and there was consensus among the trustees, to pursue some kind of ordinance setting term limits for the planning commissioners.

The two new regular members will be Kevin Geisbert and Ken Kimple, and the two alternates will be Melanie Strop and Daniel Ours. They will join current Monument Planning Commissioners Ed Delaney, Jim Fitzpatrick, John Dick, David Gwisdalla, and Michelle Glover. See www.ocn.me/v17n6.htm#mbot0515.

Village Center Metro District communication resumes

As he and members of the Village Center Metropolitan District (VCMD) board have been doing since Nov. 7, Forrest Hindley asked during public comments for

the town's help with the revenue gap VCMD has. All of the current VCMD mill levy revenues are restricted to construction bond repayment, and 300,000 square feet of Village Center's vacant land in Filing 4A that was originally zoned for commercial development was changed by the Planning Commission on Oct. 8, 2014 and BOT on Nov. 3, 2014 to residential zoning, reducing property tax revenue from 330,000 square feet of planned commercial space from the rezoned lots by a factor of four (29 percent to 7 percent). These revenue reduction implications were not discussed. See www.ocn.me/v14n11.htm#mpc1008, www.ocn.me/v14n12.htm#mbot1103, and https://monument-townco.documents-on-demand.com/

Hindley said none of the now-reduced total VCMD property tax revenue is left over for street maintenance and other maintenance that the district is required to perform per its previously approved service plan. VCMD has sent representatives to previous BOT meetings to ask for help, but were never allowed to speak for more than three minutes during public comment. VCMD's service agreement is with the town of Monument. "We are running out of money fast," Hindley said. Then his three minutes were over again. See www.ocn.me/v16n12.htm#mbot1107, www.ocn.me/v17n2.htm#mbot, and www.ocn.me/v17n6.htm#mbot

Note: During public comments, this reporter asked why VCMD was not allowed to do a 20-minute presentation, as it had been requesting, when other groups such as the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, that had not even been approved during "board authorization items," were given a scheduled 20-minute board presentation agenda item every year.

Later, during trustees' comments, Trustee Murphy asked if Hindley could be given one more minute to finish reading his statement. Mayor Jeff Kaiser asked why VCMD "fell off" the presentation list after the board had approved it.

- Town Manager Chris Lowe's comments included:
- One of the reasons a VCMD presentation "fell off" the BOT presentation schedule was that representatives of the VCMD board mentioned taking legal action against the town. When that happens, it has a chilling effect on the level of information I am willing to exchange with a group.
 - I have seen what they are suggesting. I would not characterize a lot of that content as factual. My response would be diametrically opposed to a majority of what VCMD is saying.
 - I always like to meet with folks...I can sit down with them anytime, as quickly as tomorrow. We are open to cooperative solutions.

Hindley said he did not remember any time when VCMD suggested it might sue the town. But Kaiser confirmed that a lawsuit was threatened during a public meeting. Hindley then said he would meet with staff at any time, because the district was in "a real time crunch."

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