

- proved for the Pinecrest Event Center at the request of Mark Russell Giveans.
- Reid Wiecks, Jessica Farr, and Christie Ramshur were appointed to the Parks Committee.
 - Dawn Collins was appointed as town clerk/deputy administrator.
 - An anonymous donor has offered to provide the town with a police vehicle.
 - An anonymous donor has offered to provide an electric sign for the town's use.
 - Interviews with potential fire chiefs will begin shortly.

The council is scheduled to hold two meetings online in May, on May 7 and 28 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, with the second meeting organized as a working session. Infor-

mation: 481-2953. Check the town's website for links to the online Zoom meetings.

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Forest Lakes Metropolitan District and Pinon Pines Metro Districts 1, 2, and 3, April 6

Land exclusions and inclusions; Forest Lakes PPMD 2 infrastructure underway

By Natalie Barszcz

The boards for Forest Lake Metropolitan District (FLMD) and Pinon Pines Metropolitan Districts 1, 2, and 3 (PPMD 1, 2, 3) met via conference call on April 6 to discuss multiple land tract exclusions and inclusions.

FLMD is the half-acre operating district that owns and is responsible for the public infrastructure, water, wastewater, storm drainage, parks and trails, landscaping, and streetlight services for the residents of PPMD 1 and PPMD 2, the residential districts, which are in unincorporated El Paso County, and PPMD 3, the commercial district, which lies mostly within the southwest town limits of Monument. "The Pinons" are financing districts and provide no services except to collect property taxes. The infrastructure installation for PPMD 2 is currently underway in readiness for lot sales in the fall. PPMD currently has no residents.

Board members for FLMD and PPMD 2 and 3 are: President George Lenz, executive vice president of finance of Classic Homes; Secretary James Boulton, vice president/project manager of Classic Homes; Assistant Secretary and Treasurer Doug Stimple, CEO of Classic Homes; and Assistant Secretary Joe Loidolt, president of Classic Homes. One board member vacancy exists in all three of these districts.

PPMD 1 board directors are residents Mike Hitchcock and Mike Slavic alongside Lenz, Stimple and Loidolt. Ann Nichols is the manager for all four districts.

PPMD 1 land inclusion

A public hearing was opened to consider a petition that excludes two pieces of land from PPMD 2 and transfers both pieces for inclusion within the PPMD 1 lot lines. The two pieces of land amount to 137 square feet of Lot 26 and 150 square feet near the retaining wall on

Mesa Top Road. District counsel Russell Dykstra said, "Both slivers of land do not affect any personal property and simply clean up the lines within each district and keep everything legally where it should be in PPMD 1." Hearing no comments from the public, the board unanimously approved the two inclusions 5-0.

Financial statements

Ann Nichols said, "Everything is pretty close to budget and nothing really jumps out, and the budgets are currently undergoing audit with Hoelting & Co. and should be available in June." The board unanimously approved the PPMD 1 financial statements for December 2019.

PPMD 2 land exclusion

A public hearing was opened to consider a petition for four individual land exclusions. The four parcels of property for exclusion are:

- The Alm property on the South Ridge Mesa Top, which lies outside the service and taxation area of FLMD and PPMD 2.
- The valley and South Ridge lot areas across from Beaver Creek, which may be developed as a separate district in the future.
- The two previously stated portions in the PPMD 1 board meeting.

Hearing no public comments, the hearing was closed, and the board unanimously approved the actions for exclusion 4-0.

PPMD 1 and PPMD 2 development

Tom Blunk of C P Real Estate Capital said he hoped there would be a market for lot sales in PPMD 2 when things normalize after the COVID-19 pandemic. Stimple confirmed that all lots in PPMD 1 have been sold.

Bond issuance consideration

Dykstra said the draft for the PPMD 2 bond issuance was not ready to be presented to the board and suggested the discussion should be tabled for a subsequent board meeting. He added that work had not slowed down for him, but a two-to-four-week delay due to COVID-19 would likely be a factor for bond issuance approval at any city council bond budget meeting. See www.ocn.me/v.20n.3.htm#flmd.

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

PPMD 1 meetings, followed by joint meetings of FLMD and PPMD 2 and 3, are typically scheduled once a quarter at 4 p.m. Please check the website for the location. Official meeting notices are posted on the district website at www.forestlakemetrodistrict.com. For general questions, contact Ann Nichols at (719) 327-5810 or at anicholsduffy@aol.com.

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Donala Water and Sanitation District, April 16

Board election and COVID-19 status outlined

By Jennifer Kaylor

In compliance with social distancing, the April 16 Donala Water and Sanitation Board of Directors meeting was conducted online. All directors and the district's new General Manager Jeff Hodge—who started officially on April 15—participated in the meeting. President Ken Judd confirmed votes via roll call. Outgoing General Manager Kip Petersen, who retires officially on May 29, provided the status reports.

Safety first at polling place

Petersen explained that Donala traditionally conducts its elections by poll as opposed to mail due to the added expense—about \$20,000—of mailing ballots. The decision to conduct a poll vote for the May 5 board election was made well in advance of the coronavirus pandemic restrictions and, once the stay-at-home order had been issued, timing was too tight to make changes. Therefore, unless voters request an absentee ballot, they must come to the district office to cast their votes.

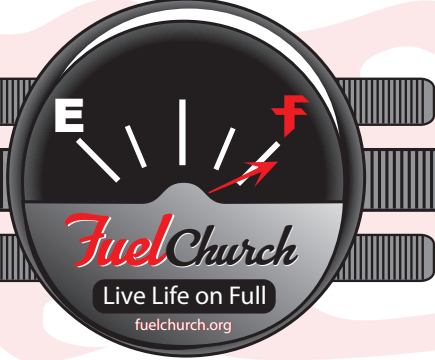
Office Manager Tanja Smith confirmed that voters interested in receiving an absentee ballot needed to complete and return to the district office by April 28 an Application for

Absentee Ballot form which was printable from the district's website. All ballots, whether cast by mail or in person on election day, must be received by 7 p.m. on Tuesday May 5. Petersen emphasized that ballots received after the deadline will not be counted. For future elections, he recommended that the district investigate mail-in ballots.

Donala staff prepared a plan for keeping voters and themselves safe during the election, said Petersen. Voters will have their temperatures taken before entering the voting station located in the Donala office at 15850 Holbein Drive. Poll watchers will disinfect the polling booth after each vote is cast and the voter will exit the building via a side door.

In response to community feedback regarding the election, Petersen reported that the district does not post information about the candidates to avoid the perception that the district is endorsing one or more of the candidates. There are three, three-year director positions open for this election. The nominees are Kevin Deardorff, Stephen M. Hrin, William George, and Edward H. Houle.

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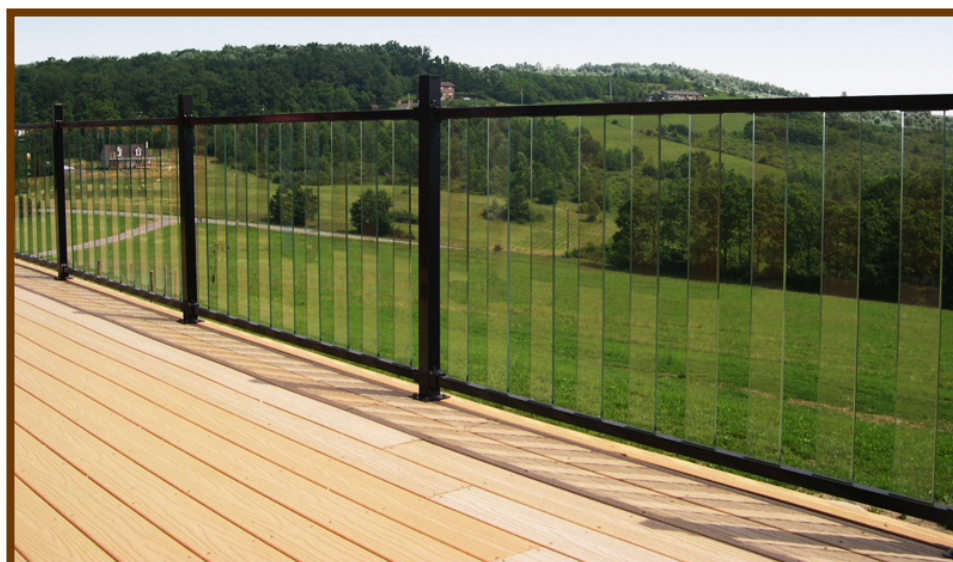


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