

• Manage the wells to minimize the amount of arsenic generated. Petersen indicated that the water lease option was the least desirable because it would likely be encumbered with expense—\$376,796 in combined PBWW and CSU charges—and legal complications. However, Petersen requested and was granted board authorization to execute such a contract if it proved to be the only viable option. A \$100,000 contingency line item in the 2020 budget would help pay for the additional water, but Petersen added that the district would also likely need to access budget reserves.

District staff anticipated that one of the wells in need of repair would be out of service for at least a month and the other may be irreparable. Petersen reported that Water Superintendent Mark Parker deemed 24-hour monitoring of the two functional wells as a possible alternative to avoid arsenic exceedance at the wastewater treatment facility.

Land donation considered

Petersen reported that Scott Gratrix of G&S Development is completing final matters in transforming the former Gleneagle Golf Course and proposed to donate a land parcel legally described as Tract A, Muirfield to Donala. The 7,800-square-foot parcel, outfitted with water, wastewater, reuse, storm drainage/outlet, gas, electric, and communication lines, is not a buildable lot. However, Petersen recommended obtaining the land to control activities that occur on the property and thus control the district's associated utility lines. Petersen did not foresee making any improvements other than a fence to prevent onsite parking. Directors approved the donation and authorized Petersen to obtain title insurance on the parcel.

Exceptional performance recognized; directors inducted

Vice President Ed Houle crafted a resolution acknowledging the staff's efforts to support customers and provide outstanding service during the pandemic. Petersen recited the resolution verbatim to acknowledge each staff person individually. The board approved the resolution unanimously.

In another portion of the meeting, Petersen praised Office Manager Tanja

Smith for her designated election official work in successfully organizing the May 5 election for three open Board of Directors positions. He commended accounting staff Christina Hawker and Lindsay Beavers as well as poll watchers Ginnette Ritz and Leslie Cross for their support.

At the close of the meeting, outgoing President Ken Judd inducted the three recently elected directors who will begin three-year terms as of June 2020: Ed Houle, Kevin Deardorff, and Bill George. The board voted to name Ed Houle president, Wayne Vander-schuere vice president, and Kevin Deardorff secretary-treasurer.

PPRWA and CSU regionalization updates

In an update on the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority, Petersen informed the board that statewide revenue is expected to plummet for the upcoming fiscal year or longer due to the coronavirus pandemic. May 1 marked the official date for sports betting to be legal in Colorado, but the shut-down of sporting events in response to COVID-19 has rendered betting revenue nonexistent. A large percentage of any revenue generated by sports betting is earmarked to support Colorado's Water Plan and some of those funds were expected to trickle down in support of individual water districts throughout the state.

Petersen commented on the potential regionalization of water and wastewater services with CSU. The Colorado Springs City Council, the board that oversees CSU, appears willing to consider regional provision of services under certain conditions. Petersen maintained that Donala's return flows were a top priority and certain challenges needed to be resolved.

Additional updates

- Petersen announced that the water main replacement project was moving forward. Pate Construction was the low bidder at \$1.05 million, which falls about \$200,000 below the budgeted amount. The project was expected to begin shortly after Memorial Day and to address Candlewood Court, Hunting Beach Drive, and Mission Hill Way. Affected residents can expect to receive additional information in the mail.



Above: Newly hired General Manager Jeff Hodge and outgoing General Manager Kip Petersen take a moment to capture a photo and highlight their efforts in smoothly transitioning the leadership of the Donala Water and Sanitation District. Photo by Jennifer Kaylor, assisted by Kip Petersen.

- Maintenance work at Willow Creek Ranch—such as clearing beaver dams—was expected to occur mid-May. Petersen confirmed that his search for a trapper is ongoing.
- The district produced 16.97 million gallons of water in April versus 12.03 million gallons in March; a 30% increase and an indication that limited summer irrigation had begun. Petersen confirmed that 49% of the supply came from Willow Creek Ranch and 51% came from the district's groundwater wells.

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Board meetings are normally held on

the third Thursday of the month. The next board meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. June 18. The meeting may be held as a conference call or online video meeting depending on the status of stay-at-home restrictions; call (719)488-3603 or access www.donalawater.org to receive up-to-date meeting information. The district office is located at 15850 Holbein Drive, Colorado Springs. When the directors meet in person, meetings are held in the district office conference room. See <https://www.donalawater.org/> to access prior meeting minutes and the 2020 meeting calendar.

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Triview Metropolitan District, May 20

Big water rights and water storage plans advance

By Jennifer Kaylor

Triview Metropolitan District water attorney Chris Cummins summarized a potential water rights, water storage, and land purchase at the May 20 meeting of the Board of Directors. Nate Eckloff of underwriter Piper Sandler and Co. presented a status update on the district's bond sale, which was initiated in an April resolution and is intended to fund the purchase. All directors at-

tended the online meeting.

Triview is a Title 32 special district within Monument that provides road, landscaping, and open space maintenance, and water and wastewater services to Jackson Creek, Promontory Pointe, Sanctuary Pointe, and several commercial areas. See <https://triviewmetro.com/districtMap> for a map of district boundaries.

The May board packet may be accessed via https://triviewmetro.com/assets/documents/board/agenda/2020/BoardPacket_RegularMtg_2020-05-20.pdf.

Bonds attract strong response to fund major water investment

During Triview's April board meeting, directors approved Resolution 2020-02, which authorized the issuance and sale of water and wastewater enterprise revenue bonds and established parameters on the amount, interest rate, and duration of the bonds, as well as other details. Upon the resolution's approval, Eckloff stated that he worked with Triview counsel and law firm Butler Snow to craft an official statement to submit to rating agencies and market the bonds.

In his May summary, Eckloff reported that Moody's rated the bonds A3 and identified Triview's strengths as proactive water and financial management, strong debt service coverage, and good liquidity. The \$16.14 million bonds will be insured by Build America Mutual Assurance Co., which is rated AA by Standard and Poor's. The bonds received a green designation, which Eckloff indicated gathers more interest in the marketplace. The final true interest cost is 3.29% for a 30-year term with a net interest cost of 3.32%. The bonds also achieved an eight-year call allowing the district to potentially refinance

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