

chamber of commerce.

Most people who come to the visitor center are local residents, she said, some of whom have recently moved to the area and seek information about the community. The visitor center gives them information about local businesses. The center also provides meeting spaces for public use such as a conference room, a community room, and the white house just south of the Jarrito Loco restaurant.

In terms of economic development, the TLCC advises local landowners who are planning projects. TLCC maintains lists of renters and sellers. Hayes said her team emphasizes networking in the community, and their main focus is on retaining businesses in the Tri-Lakes area.

The chamber is a membership organization that raises operating funds from member dues and events. They introduce businesspeople to

others who may be interested in working with them, track legislative issues, and testify to the state Legislature on impacts to small business.

The chamber's website has detailed information about all three chamber roles. It can be found at <https://trilakeschamber.com>.

Resolutions passed

The board passed four resolutions:

- Resolution 18-2021, which extends a land use permit for 12 months at the request of Louis Sass, who could not meet the original deadline for using his permit due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Resolution 19-2021, which authorizes an agreement with Amcobi under which they will take over administration of the town's water billing.
- Resolution 20-2021, which adopts a code of

conduct policy for town employees.

- Resolution 21-2021, which appoints Stephen J. Sletta as the town's municipal relief judge.
- Resolution 22-2021, which adopts a new hire policy.

Public hearings scheduled

The board scheduled two public hearings, both to be held during the board meeting scheduled for April 8:

- Hearing to adopt Pikes Peak Regional Building Department (PPRBD) plumbing code.
- Hearing to adopt PPRBD electrical code.

Eagle Scout project will create conservation zone

Weicks told the board that Jacob Unwin had proposed creating a wildlife conservation zone at the lake as his Eagle Scout project. The zone would be just north of the bridge, on

a small peninsula that has willows and reeds. The project would install posts and lines on the lake side and a split rail fence on the land side to prevent kayakers, canoers, and anglers from disturbing the wildlife on the peninsula. Unwin needs to raise \$2,000 for materials and a posthole digger to complete his project, Weicks said, and is looking for donations. Anyone wishing to contribute should contact Weicks by email at ReidWeicks@gmail.com.

Highlights of operational reports

- The town has requested bids to repair South Valley Road; the winning bid will be selected on April 7.
- The town has been given \$200,000 of stimulus funds to upgrade bridges and guardrails and to mediate rust.
- Staff continues to rewrite the town's municipal code, which Collins re-

gards as vital.

- No additional water taps were released in March.
- The library rehabilitation project is waiting on a final timeline.
- The deadline for contractors to bid on the repairs to the Town Hall was extended to give staff time to answer contractors' questions.

The Board of Trustees is scheduled to hold three meetings in April, a regular meeting on April 8 and a workshop and regular meeting on April 22. The workshop will be held at 5 p.m. and the regular meetings at 6 p.m. All meetings will be at Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Information: 481-2953.

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Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, March 8

Capital projects and water re-use plan move forward

By James Howald

On March 8, the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) board met to continue its management of the district's capital improvement projects and its work to develop an infrastructure for water re-use. District Manager Jessie Shaffer alerted the board to an issue with easements emerging from the Woodmoor Open Space Committee's plans to expand the lot size of their members after the purchase of land from the Walters family.

Shaffer also asked the board for direction concerning a request for supplemental water from Classic Homes, which is developing land adjacent to Jackson Creek Parkway. Shaffer announced the retirement of WWSD's Office Manager Marsha Howland. Finally, the board heard operational reports.

Capital projects on schedule

Richard Hood and Josh McGibbon of JVA Consulting updated the board on the

progress of the three capital improvements projects the district has underway.

The three projects—upgrades to the South Water Treatment Plant (SWTP) and to the Central Water Treatment Plant (CWTP), and a rebuild of the Lake Pump Station (LPS)—are being managed under a single contract using the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) project management method. The CMAR method brings contractors into the design phase as early as pos-

sible and commits the company doing the construction, in this case Stanek Constructors, to provide a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the project.

Hood and McGibbon told the board the work on the SWTP would be complete by March 31. They showed the board before and after photos of the new sodium hypochlorite generator and chemical pump system at the site.

The project goals of the work on the LPS are to expand the pumping capacity and add a pipeline to the CWTP while retaining the existing pipeline to the SWTP, Hood said. He showed an exterior view of the pump house, which was designed to suggest a boat house and will be built on a small finger of land that will be built on the west side of Lake Woodmoor. Intrusions alarms are part of the design, Hood said. Board President Brian Bush asked that cameras be added to the design.

Hood explained three assumptions that went into the GMP for the three projects: that soil from the lake can be used to construct the peninsula for the LPS, that electric service fees will be paid by WWSD, and that the final controls narrative, an explanation of how the system works, will not affect costs. He said the total cost of all the projects was just over \$7 million and all work would be complete by May 2022.

After Hood's presentation, the board voted unanimously to give Shaffer authority to approve expenditures up to \$300,000 to address contingencies.

Regional water re-use study advances

At the previous WWSD meeting on Feb. 8, Shaffer gave the board an overview of a water re-use study being planned by some member districts of

the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority (PPRWA). He said the study would address how PPRWA member districts might receive return flows of water from Fountain Creek in partnership with Colorado Springs Utilities. Details of that meeting can be found at this URL: <https://www.ocn.me/v21n3.htm#wwsd>.

At the March 8 meeting, Shaffer clarified that the PPRWA study was separate from the North Monument Creek Interceptor (NMCI) project, another effort to re-use water. He asked the board to approve a Project Participation Agreement authorizing WWSD to participate in the PPRWA study.

Shaffer told the board that there are six or eight storage sites that could be developed for the project to receive reusable effluent from Fountain Creek and then transmit it to CSU's raw water system. He said the study would develop several plans, select the best three using fatal flaw analysis and other methods and then get cost estimates before selecting the best plan. Shaffer said he thought the water tank adjacent to Highway 83 just North of Flying Horse Club Drive might be the storage facility to which CSU would deliver water.

Shaffer said the current budget had funds allocated for this study, which would require \$10,000 from each participating water district. He asked the board to approve \$15,000 to cover the participation fee and any contingencies.

The board voted unanimously to approve the agreement and the expenditure.

Easement issue arises at Walters property

In 2020, the Woodmoor Open Space Committee (WOSC) participated in an agreement to purchase 94 acres east of



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MVEA BOARD NOMINATIONS

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During the virtual Annual Meeting on June 3, 2021, three directors will be elected to the Mountain View Electric Association, Inc. Board of Directors from the following districts:

District 1: Limon, Karval, Genoa and surrounding areas (*incumbent Joseph D. Martin*)
 District 4: Calhan, Peyton, a portion of Black Forest and surrounding areas (*incumbent Milton L. Mathis*)
 District 6: Falcon, Cimarron Hills, a portion of Black Forest and surrounding areas (*incumbent Barry R. Springer*)

The "Procedure for Director Elections and Member Voting" is available on MVEA's website at www.mvea.coop/annual-meeting.

To view a territory map with districts, visit www.mvea.coop/territory-map.

Are you interested in being an MVEA Board of Directors candidate? A candidate must be an MVEA member and reside in the district where there is a vacancy. Visit MVEA's Annual Meeting web page at www.mvea.coop/annual-meeting for additional candidate requirements. Click on "By-laws" and go to Article III, Section 2. A member interested in nomination should contact the MVEA Board Nomination Information Line at (719) 494-2528 and leave a message. You will be contacted to verify your membership, district, and to begin the nomination process. A member may seek election by nomination by the nominating committee or nomination by petition.

- To be nominated by the nominating committee, please contact the MVEA Board Nomination Information Line at (719) 494-2528. If seeking election by nomination through the nominating committee, a candidate questionnaire must be received by MVEA to be submitted to the committee by 5:30 p.m., Thursday, March 25, 2021.
- To be nominated by petition, you must have the petition signed by 15 MVEA members. Petitions and procedures will be made available by contacting the MVEA Board Nomination Information Line at (719) 494-2528. The petition, along with a completed candidate questionnaire, must be received by MVEA by 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 19, 2021.

A candidate questionnaire must be completed for either nomination by the committee or nomination by petition. If you have questions, please contact the MVEA Board Nomination Information Line.

Nominating Committee

District 1: Steve Burgess • District 4: Ed Kovitz • District 6: Lavern Kauffman

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