

billed to the town were for patients at Recovery Village, and this was an expense that should be discussed by the board.

Resolutions passed

The board passed the following eight resolutions:

- Resolution 44-2022, which authorizes a residential well agreement at 822 Meadow Lane.
- Resolution 45-2022, which authorizes road improvements on South Valley Street.
- Resolution 46-2022, which authorizes a memo of understanding with the Little League concerning improvements they will make to the baseball field.
- Resolution 47-2022, which appoints Gene Kaleski to the Planning Commission.
- Resolution 48-2022, which approves a conditional use request for a single-family residence in a commercial zone on Vale Street.
- Resolution 49-2022, which authorizes an agreement with GMS Consulting

Engineers Inc. to design the Palmer Lake Elementary School Roadway Project.

- Resolution 50-2022, which extends the land use agreement for 95 and 97 Greeley Blvd.
- Resolution 51-2022, which authorizes the payoff of a vehicle loan.
- Resolution 52-2022, which authorizes a revised Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Monument allowing an interconnection of their water system for use in emergencies.

Special event permits

The board granted four special event permits:

- Yule Log Potluck Dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 4 p.m. at the Town Hall.
- Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. at the village green by the Town Hall.
- Yule Log Hunt on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m. at the Town Hall.
- Second Annual Palmer Lake Out-

door Hockey Classic on Jan. 6 and 7 at 6 p.m. at the Palmer Lake Recreation Area.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Nov. 10. See the town's website at www.townofpalmerlake.com to confirm times and dates of board meetings and work-

shops. Meetings are typically held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at the Town Hall. Information: 719-481-2953.

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Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, Oct. 13

Board proceeds with long-range plan

By James Howald

At its October meeting, the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) board heard a final presentation on its long-range plan. It voted on an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) to establish an authority to pursue its water re-use project. A draft of the 2023 budget was delivered to the board and a change of auditors was proposed. The board took a final vote on participation in the Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) program. The board rescheduled its meetings for November and December. Finally, the board heard an update on the status of Woodmoor Lake.

Long-range plan focuses on ranch water

Richard Hood of JVA Consulting Engineers completed the presentation of the long-range plan his company, working with BBA Water Consultants Inc., has developed for WWSD. The first sections of the plan were presented at the September meeting. Details about that meeting can be found here: <https://ocn.me/v22n10.htm#wwsd>.

At the Oct. 13 meeting, Hood focused on future water supply issues, asset management, and capital improvement projects.

Hood told the board that water from Woodmoor Ranch will play a critical role in the district's future water supply.

He discussed some of the technical issues created by water re-use: Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) increase as water is re-used, and the district's water treatment plants are not prepared to remove them. Reverse osmosis can remove TDS, but will produce brine, which is itself a problem, because disposal requires evaporation ponds or deep well injection. Brine can't be discharged into streams, Hood explained,

without a permit that is not likely to be granted. Higher levels of TDS contribute to taste and odor issues.

Hood explained that surface water from Woodmoor Ranch can counteract the issues resulting from water re-use. He suggested a three-phase plan to begin the delivery of water from the ranch to customers in Woodmoor. Water from the ranch would be blended with groundwater from the district's wells before distribution.

The first phase is conveying surface water from the ranch north to Woodmoor, where it would be treated, blended, and delivered. WWSD, along with other water districts, has a project called the Loop that will transport water from Fountain Creek, including water from WWSD's Woodmoor Ranch to customers in northern El Paso County. Both of the district's existing water treatment plants will need to be upgraded to remove trace organics and pharmaceuticals before ranch water can be distributed to customers, Hood said.

The second phase is additional water treatment at the ranch to remove TDS. The brine produced by treatment can more easily be disposed of at the ranch, Hood explained, where there is more space available for evaporation pits. The start date for treatment at the ranch will depend on water quality testing and demand changes, Hood said.

The third phase is to expand the storage capacity of the Callahan Reservoir, which is near the Woodmoor Ranch. Hood estimated that the goal would be adding storage for 1,300 acre-feet of water to the reservoir.

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