

delivered would be leaving the residence as wastewater and not used to water lawns and gardens. Sams argued volume-based billing would be more equitable because it would be proportional to a household's load on the wastewater system.

Sams said a volume-based charge for wastewater would have two parts: a \$5.85 monthly customer service charge to cover billing and insurance costs, and an \$8.38 charge per 1,000 gallons of metered water delivered in 2023. The charge for metered water would increase to \$8.77 in 2024 and to \$9.16 in 2025.

Board President Wayne Vanderschuere scheduled a workshop for Thursday, Nov. 17 at 9 a.m., the morning of the next scheduled board meeting, to discuss the draft budget in more detail. Vanderschuere said the board was required to approve the budget in December.

IGA for Loop project authorized
WWSD attorney Linda Glesne advised the board on an IGA between Cherokee Metropolitan District, Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD), the Town of Monument, and DWSD that forms a water authority required to receive \$4 million in American Recovery Plan Act funds from El Paso County to proceed with the Loop project. The project will divert water from Fountain Creek and convey it to customers in the participating water districts in northern El Paso County.

Hodge said the funds would be used to refine the design of the project and study the easements required for the necessary pipelines.

Glesne emphasized the document presented was a draft and changes should

be expected. She pointed out DWSD could withdraw from the IGA if the board chooses to do so.

Glesne said the IGA forms a new legal entity with a Board of Directors made up of the district managers of the participating water districts. She pointed out that the IGA requires any action of the new water authority be approved by a unanimous vote of the board.

Confidentiality is considered in the IGA, she said, adding that WWSD had proposed including non-disclosure agreements in the IGA that would constrain members from disclosing operational details even if they leave the authority.

Hodge asked the board to authorize him to continue discussing the IGA with the other three districts, and it voted unanimously to do so.

Choice of treatment facility undecided

Currently, DWSD sends its wastewater for treatment to the UMCRWTF, which it shares with the Triview Metropolitan district and the Forest Lakes Metropolitan District. Because those two districts have chosen to participate in the North Monument Creek Interceptor project, the future of the UMCRWTF is uncertain. As a result, DWSD has opened negotiations with the Joint Use Committee (JUC), which oversees the TLW-WTF on behalf of its owners, the towns of Palmer Lake and Monument, and WWSD.

Hodge told the board that he had received a letter from the JUC indicating the TLW-WTF could process DWSD's wastewater, should the district decide to use the facility. DWSD would be accepted as a customer rather than as a partner, Hodge said.

The board authorized Hodge to continue the discussion with the JUC as events warranted.

Board opts out of FAMILI

The board voted unanimously to decline to participate in the FAMILI program. Hodge said a meeting had been held with the district's employees to explain the decision to them and to ensure they know they can choose to participate on their own.

Commissioner visits district

County Commissioner Holly Williams attended the October board meeting and shared her thoughts on a number of topics,

including outstanding annexation requests and plans for maintaining roads.

The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 17 at 1:30 p.m. Generally, board meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. and include online access; 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.

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Triview Metropolitan District, Oct. 20

Home Rule Charter concerns; Northern Delivery System pipeline details laid out

By Natalie Barszcz

At the Triview Metropolitan District (TMD) meeting on Oct. 20, the board heard about the growing concern over the Town of Monument (TOM) Home Rule Charter from two local candidates running for municipal office in the TOM, approved an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for the Northern Delivery System (NDS) and discussed financing options for the project, and approved a road-widening project and a land sale in Pueblo County.

Director James Otis attended via Zoom and joined in person for the executive session.

Home Rule Charter concerns

Monument candidates Jim Romanello and Darcy Schoening expressed concerns about the Home Rule Charter possibly being passed on Nov. 8. For more on this topic, consult OCN's coverage of the Monument Board of Trustees meetings, where the charter was discussed and approved for inclusion as ballot question 2A. A copy of the charter and an explanation about Home Rule Governance can be found at www.townofmonument.org.

Old Denver Road improvements

District Manager James McGrady said the district had been trying to come up with a way to improve Old Denver Road, and when Conexus had come along the TOM saddled Conexus with the improvements. Triview is not responsible for Old Denver Road, but the road will eventually route into the Conexus development to service multi-residential homes, and by using road and bridge fees the district can help Conexus and serve the constituents, he said.

Mike McDonald, executive operations manager for Kiewit Infrastructure Co., said the impetus to widen Old Denver Road is to keep truck traffic away from residential homes. This partnership takes out the town's responsibility and leaves Conexus to fund the project.

The board unanimously approved the Conexus agreement to fund infrastructure to improve the road.

Note: The Conexus Business Center is a 174-acre industrial, office, and mixed-use development west of I-25 and along the east side of Old Denver Road. The Santa Fe Trail

passes along the west side of the development, through the entire proposed development. The site is home to Woodmen Valley Chapel North.

Northern Delivery System pipeline project

McGrady relayed the following information to OCN after the meeting:

Triview continues to work with Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) toward a Regional Convey, Treat, and Deliver Water Service contract. CSU has been engaged in reviewing infrastructure design for the improvements needed at the Highway 83 tank site to be able to accommodate a potential Regional Convey, Treat, and Deliver Water Service.

Triview has been acting as project sponsor for this pipeline water delivery project since 2019. As originally conceived, the pipeline would begin at the CSU Highway 83 tank and extend from there to the Triview service area, and from there water would be delivered to the service area of multiple project participants. Initially the project was sized to provide service to the TOM, Donala Water and Sanitation, Woodmoor Water and Sanitation, Triview, and Forest Lakes Metropolitan District (FLMD). The project as originally conceived would have delivered up to 6,500 gallons per minute (9.0 mgd) to participants. As the project progressed, certain originally anticipated participants decided to go in a different direction. As such the project was downsized to 2,778 gallon per minute (4.0 mgd), sufficient for the current project participants, Triview and FLMD.

Triview began conducting a series of public meetings about one year ago and received input from various stakeholders, neighborhood groups, and county officials. After an extensive rework of the proposed route, avoiding Fox Run Regional Park, it was determined that the best route of the downsized 16-inch pipeline was to utilize public roadway rights of way and cross three privately owned properties. The route also takes advantage of the Triview open space already dedicated for utility infrastructure. The pipeline's point of connection will be at the CSU Highway 83 tank site and will include a booster pump station. Triview is

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