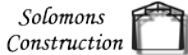


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- Town water attorney Bob Krassa had advised her that there is a "settlement in principle" with Woodmoor Water and Sanitation in the Monument Lake water rights court case and that Town Attorney Gary Shupp will present the settlement for the board's consideration and approval once details are finalized.
- The directors are finalizing the pay for performance and employee job descriptions projects.
- Once the Triview staff moves out of Town Hall to their new Jackson Creek Commerce Center office, the directors will implement a new rearranged office space plan.
- At the March 4 board meeting, Sam Mamet, executive director of the Colorado Municipal League, will be present "Issues Facing Cities and Towns in Colorado in 2013."

Water question-and-answer session

Town water broker and consultant Gary Barber proposed to advise the town, via a consultant contract for 2013, on the legal, physical, and technical aspects of obtaining and using renewable water rights, as well as how to pay for them. Barber said the OCN article on the Jan. 7 board meeting included "a good chronology all the dialog we've had over the years" on town water issues that he had worked on for Monument (See www.ocn.me/v13n2.htm#bot0107).

Barber noted that he is still chairman of the Arkansas River Basin Roundtable and had resigned from his position as president of the Two Rivers Water Co. He is no longer subject to a non-compete restriction with Two Rivers, which will make it easier for him to help the town with formation of regional water partnerships in the future.

Barber said he had also been the first executive director of the Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District but has resigned from that position. He worked on the Water Infrastructure Planning Study in 2007 that led to the formation of the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority (PPRWA). While he was the director of the PPRWA, it merged with the El Paso County Water Authority in 2010. Barber then resigned from PPRWA in 2011.

Barber stated that he also helped with the Flaming Gorge task force report presented to the Colorado Water Conservation Board on Jan. 29.

Barber noted that water partnerships will not be approved unless each water entity can show operational efficiencies that they have already initiated or planned to have sufficient "standing."

Barber also referenced the Headwaters Magazine's Citizen's Guide to Denver Basin Groundwater. See http://analysis3.com/download.php?id=73744 .

The scope of work Barber included in his proposal to

provide water resource management services to build on the work to date by the PPRWA included:

- Represent the town in regional partnerships for infrastructure, reuse, and renewable water acquisitions.
- Prepare a water plan focusing on reduction of use, reuse, and recycling of the town's existing water resources.
- Prepare a financing plan to implement water resource programs using the town's Acquisition, Storage, and Delivery Fund.

Barber's proposed compensation was a retainer of \$2,500 per month for the first 20 hours of work each month and \$125 per hour beyond 20 hours, billed in arrears monthly for Feb. 15, 2013, through Feb. 15, 2014, plus expenses. He added that he would consider a flat fee for a specific tasking.

After a lengthy discussion of several issues with several trustees, Barber said his plan would provide options and analyses of short- and long-term political, financial, and engineering tradeoffs with regard to operations and maintenance costs, capital expenses, permit risks, water quality issues, infrastructure costs, and storage costs.

The board asked Barber to provide a resume, an example of a plan he has developed, a flat fee quote, a list of measurable items he would suggest for the town, and a list of any conflicts of interest of his that might arise when the town attempts to form partnerships with other water entities.

Trustees' comments

Trustee Jeff Kaiser asked Chief Shirk if he had any proposals for using the new all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) that the town had just obtained "in a windfall." Shirk said the town now has five ATVs. Four were given to the town by the federal government. Three of the ATVs are assigned to the Police Department and will be used for special events such as the July 4 Kiwanis Parade, Chamber of Commerce street fair, and Palmer Lake Fireworks Committee show. The other two ATVs will be used by Public Works for daily operations.

Public comments

Betty Konarski, the town's volunteer representative to the PPRWA, advised the board on weather briefings presented at the annual Colorado Water Congress convention in Denver the previous week. She stated that state climatologists are predicting that the current drought will be similar to the drought in the 1950s and 2002. The current transpiration rates are causing dust storms that are taking away top soil from some regional farms. Konarski said she would contact the trustees to meet individually with each to answer their questions and concerns about board deci-

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