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More construction

The board plans to approve the installation of thick posts made of iron and concrete to protect the Arapahoe well head. Director Timothy Sobik volunteered to contact the state to verify that the cost could be paid for by the grant the district received earlier this year.

Accepting the recommenda-

tion of John McGinn from JDS-Hydro, the board unanimously approved constructing the booster station with stucco siding and dark metal roofing.

Financial report

As of Aug. 31, the financial statement for the Capital Projects Fund showed a fund balance of \$1.75 million. The Operations Fund had a balance of \$245,209, and the General Fund totaled

\$25,259.

During the public comments portion of the meeting, board members stated they are not actively looking to sell water, but currently investigating other possible sources of water to purchase.

President Eugene Ash, Treasurer Hans Zimmermann, Director Sobik, and Director Eckehart Zimmermann went into execu-

tive secession around 7:45 p.m.

District Manager Joel Meggers from Community Resource Services said at the next several meetings the board may plan for next year's budget, discuss where the next replacement water pipes will be installed, and make further decisions on improving the district's existing engineered design.

The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Oct 23 at the Monument Sanitation District Boardroom, 130 Second St. Please call 488-2110 for more information, or visit www.fvaws.com.

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Woodmoor Improvement Associate Board of Directors, Sept. 24

Board considers impact of proposed stormwater fees

By Jackie Burhans

In the first official meeting of the newly constituted Woodmoor Improvement Association (WIA) board on Sept. 24, President Jim Hale shared information presented by the Pikes Peak Stormwater Task Force on the upcoming ballot issue to impose fees to create and fund the proposed Pikes Peak Regional Drainage Authority. The authority would implement a county-wide comprehensive management plan for stormwater and flood control systems. The board discussed the impact these fees, if passed, would have on the WIA and Woodmoor residents.

Stormwater drainage fee set for November ballot

President Hale attended the Northern El Paso County Coalition of Community Organizations (NEPCO) meeting on Sept. 13. A representative of the Pikes Peak Stormwater Task Force, an advocacy group in favor of the proposed regional drainage authority and new fee, presented information on the ballot issue in the November election. The proposal calls for a regional drainage authority to address a list of projects, funded by a fee on the impervious surface of a property.

Hale noted that the region served includes Green Mountain Falls, Manitou Springs, Colorado Springs, Fountain, and El Paso County proper. It

does not include Monument and Palmer Lake, which have opted out. He noted that this issue will eventually be tied to the water that is coming from Pueblo via the Southern Delivery System (SDS). Communities that are not returning properly conditioned stormwater may not be able to receive SDS water. Hale noted that over the long term, Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District may want to trade its JV Ranch water and obtain water from the SDS project.

Hale said that the county commissioners, including Darryl Glenn, support this ballot initiative. (See county commissioners article on page 1) He noted that although the communities most affected by floods, such as Manitou Springs, are south of Woodmoor, Woodmoor is 1,500 feet higher, so it is the source of much of the stormwater.

These fees, if passed, will be paid by the WIA and by those residents of Woodmoor in the Arkansas Drainage. A small part of Woodmoor near County Line Road is in the South Platte Drainage and will not see this issue on their ballots. Everyone within the affected areas will get a chance to vote on this issue.

The website www.pikespeakstormwater.org has more information including a calculator to estimate your fee. Rates will differ for commercial, nonprofit

and residential properties whose fees are estimated to average \$7.70 per month. To calculate the fee, you will enter the footprint of your house (square footage of top floor) along with an estimate of the area of impervious driveways and walkways.

Chief Operating Officer Matt Beseau researched the potential impact on WIA of these fees, which will depend on whether the WIA qualifies as a nonprofit organization or is designated to be commercial. Based on the footprint of the Barn and the square footage of the parking lot, walkways, and garage, he estimates it would cost \$1,600 to \$2,130 per year, which is not in the current budget.

Other matters

The following are highlights from the reports given by board members.

- Due to limited county resources, Woodmoor homeowners will need to take responsibility for mowing and snow removal in front of their property.
- The roadwork on County Line is expected to continue until spring/summer of 2015.
- The WIA will hold elections in January and is looking for

candidates.

- Ten cars were broken into in the Heights and High Pines neighborhoods outside of Woodmoor.

- The last chipping day will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 8 to 4.

- The rules and regulation updates will be done soon,

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