

Donala Board President Bill George stated that the board would have to schedule a special meeting to be able to discuss this matter as an official agenda item, and the deadline for submitting a ballot issue to the state is March 7. Petersen stated that Donala's 2014 budget already accounts for the club closing and no water revenue from it.

Director Ken Judd noted that Gleneagle Golf Club owner Miles Scully's current agreement with the Board of County Commissioners to be able to build townhouses on the driving range precludes residential development of any of the holes of the golf course through 2020. Other development options with less water use were approved by Scully for 10 years. Judd also noted the ambiguity of the present Gleneagle golf course situation.

Director Dave Powell, a former El Paso County planning commissioner, offered several views while noting that Scully does not own any of the water rights under the golf course.

After further discussion on the merits of forming a recreational metro district and operating a golf course, there was agreement that takeover of the golf course would add considerable cost to every Donala constituent for the benefit of only about 130 constituents that live adjacent or close to the course. There was agreement that there was no reason to hold a special district board meeting to consider formation of a Donala Metropolitan District. A motion stating that the board would not support formation of a metropolitan district was unanimously approved.

Financial reports

Petersen noted an insurance reimbursement \$39,964 for hail damage to the roofs of district buildings in 2013.

Manager's report

Petersen said that the district's water attorney, Rick Fendel, would attend the March 20 board meeting to discuss water acquisition options in executive session. Fendel provided a written summary of Donala's water rights for the director's future reference.

Petersen stated that he was conducting an analysis of costs of service for issuing a revised water tap fee for commercial customers to be presented at the March 20 board meeting. He will also analyze and report on whether there is a need for a residential tap fee revision.

The Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority has resumed the regular monthly meeting schedule through this summer. Petersen said that all participants have made their initial contributions for the first phase of the authority's regional water study and were helped by a grant from the state's Arkansas River Basin Roundtable.

He expressed a general concern about whether the study would produce useful terminal storage data that will be critical during the times of the year when Colora-

do Springs Utilities needs to use all of the designed water transport capacity in the Southern Delivery System for its own requirements. This would be the peak demand period for other water providers such as Donala who would be out of priority for pipeline capacity during that time interval, making Donala entirely dependent on well production. A major goal of the water study is to identify and develop alternative means to transport renewable water to Donala as well as how extensive new water transport pipe systems will need to be to match summertime demands.

Triview has not joined the joint reuse water program study being conducted by Donala, Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, and the Town of Monument to develop a conceptual design and presentation for these three boards, tentatively scheduled for the April board meeting.

May 6 board election update

Office terms expire in May for three of the Donala directors: Dave Powell, Bill Nance, and Bob Denney. Each has submitted a self-nomination for another four-year term. Another Donala elector was expected to submit a nomination as well. Because there will be four candidates, Donala must hold a special district election on May 6. The deadline for self-nominations was Feb. 28.

Triview status

The current balance for Donala's loan to Triview for expansion of the Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility is \$746,542 after a payment of \$6,000 for four new Triview water taps.

Operations report

Several motor replacements budgeted for 2014 are being conducted at the Upper Monument Wastewater Treatment Facility. There was an electric power surge due to a wind storm on Feb. 15 that caused about \$45,000 in damages to electrical equipment. Extended subzero temperatures provided a significant challenge for the facility staff, which they met without incident.

The state Health Department will conduct a triennial inspection of Donala's water treatment plants. The staff has worked hard to be fully prepared for this inspection, said Petersen.

Upper Monument plant Operator Del Phipps announced that he has taken a job in Kalispell, Mont. Petersen said the district will be sorry to see him leave.

Petersen advised the board that the new water meters that members had agreed to test in their homes would be installed before the end of the month.

Development status

Petersen stated that the district will update its water resource report to the state. Negotiations are continuing with Kum & Go regarding the company's proposed construction of a new gas station on the northwest corner of

Struthers Road and Northgate Boulevard.

Praise from the board

At the end of the public session of this meeting, George stated to Petersen, "Kip, your hiring was very fortuitous. It feels to me like you were made for the job. I appreciate the way you keep us informed as I do about Betsy and Sharon" and the other directors in unison said, "Hear, hear!" Betsy Bray is the district's office manager and Sharon Samek is the district's new accountant who took over Bray's former position in September. All three attend each board meeting to answer board questions about any items on the agenda.

The meeting entered executive session to discuss matters related to negotiations at 3:15 p.m.

No votes were taken after the board came out of executive session.

The next meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on March 20 in the district conference room at 15850 Holbein Drive. Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month. Information: 488-3603.

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Lewis-Palmer D-38 Board of Education, Feb. 20

Board points out loss of local control and unfunded mandates

By Harriet Halbig

The Lewis-Palmer Board of Education passed a resolution regarding loss of local control and an increase in unfunded government mandates at its Feb. 20 meeting. The resolution was proposed in response to the increase in assessments required by the state and federal authorities and the lack of funding in support of these mandates. Many of the tests which will be introduced in the next

few years must be taken online, requiring the purchase of many resources at the expense of the local district.

Director of assessment, gifted education and technology Lori Benton explained the assessment process.

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