

because the WWSD board was allowed to make the decision to purchase the JV Ranch without voter approval.

See the April 23 Woodmoor Improvement Association article on page 1 for more information regarding district plans.

Unaccounted water

Assistant Manager Randy Gillette reported that 3.7 million gallons of water were unaccounted for from Feb. 28 to March 31. This was 21 percent of the total potable water produced by the

district. This number is calculated by subtracting metered water billed from metered potable water pumped into the distribution system by the treatment plant.

The difference could reflect water loss caused by undetected underground water leaks. Errors from meter readings were dismissed by Gillette as a possible explanation for the unaccounted water.

Board approves services for development

The board approved a request from Steven Vasas, representing Rivers Development, to provide water and sewer facilities for 63 single-family homes planned on about 41 acres. The development is located near Palmer Ridge High School and was originally called Misty Acres. Vasas hopes the construction of new homes will start by the end of the year. Rivers Development, associated with Challenger Homes, will pay WWSD about \$120,000 upon commencement of the develop-

ment.

The meeting went into executive session and adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

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Tri-Lakes Facility Joint Use Committee, April 8

Bids to be sought for storage building construction

By Jim Kendrick

On April 8, the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility Joint Use Committee (JUC) authorized Tri-Lakes Facility Manager Bill Burks to seek bids for construction of a new storage building. The estimated cost of the building is \$83,000.

The JUC also approved a modified contract with engineering consultant Tetra Tech that changed the title from "Long-Range Plan" to "Nutrient Engineering Report" at the request of the state nutrient grant coordinators in the Water Quality Control Division so that this wording matched the wording in the grant application, allowing them to proceed with disbursing reimbursements from the state's \$80,000 planning and design grant to the facility.

The Tri-Lakes facility operates as a separate public utility and is jointly owned, in equal one-third shares, by Monument Sanitation District, Palmer Lake Sanitation District, and Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District. The three-member JUC acts as the board of the facility and consists of one director from each of the three owner districts' boards: President Jim Taylor of Woodmoor, Vice President Dale Smith of Palmer Lake, and Secretary/Treasurer Chuck Robinove of Monument.

Several other district board members, district managers, and district staff from each of the three owner districts also attended the meeting, as well as Tri-Lakes Facility Manager Bill Burks.

Smith and Robinove advised the JUC that they would be leaving their boards and the JUC as of the May 6 election.

Financial report

Facility Manager Bill Burks noted a \$2,500 payment to J&K Excavating to fix a water leak in the treatment plant. He also noted a payment of \$3,958 to the facility's environmental attorney Tad Foster for legal services supporting the early renewal of the facility's discharge permit that the Water Quality

Control Division requested for all facilities in the Arkansas River basin. A payment of \$11,722 was made to engineering firm Tetra Tech, which can now be reimbursed from the state's \$80,000 nutrient grant for planning and design based on the name change in the Tetra Tech contract noted above.

Burks said that he had signed a letter of engagement with John Cutler of John Cutler & Associates LLC for performing the 2013 audit.

The March financials were unanimously approved as presented.

District managers' reports

Palmer Lake Sanitation District Manager Becky Orcutt reported that district collection line cleaning would begin on April 21 and that her district is holding a mail-in TABOR waiver election on May 6 to be able to accept \$360,000 in state grants. The money would help pay for her district's share of the facility's planned \$2.08 million total phosphorus removal equipment installation at no cost to the district's constituents.

Monument District Manager Mike Wicklund and Woodmoor Assistant Manager Gillette each said they had nothing unusual to report.



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