

Wicklund said Tetra Tech RTW then proposed removing total phosphorus by adding chemicals to the treated wastewater in the existing secondary clarifiers. The much lower cost of adding equipment to these existing clarifiers would have also been considered an upgrade to existing equipment, and costs would have been divided by thirds under the rules of Section 7 of the Joint Use of Facilities Agreement. However, Tetra Tech RTW later determined in bench tests that this method was not feasible.

The Monument board then discussed another issue that has come up at the Tri-Lakes facility since the Nov. 11 JUC 205 budget hearing. One of the two hourly wage operators was terminated in October. The one remaining hourly plant operator now has to perform mandatory overtime work at the facility every weekend. Burks has not hired a licensed operator to refill the second hourly operator position. This type of overtime would have been eliminated by hiring a third hourly operator and modifying the staff work schedule.

See ocn.me/v14n12.htm#tlfjuc111 for more details on these staffing and compensation issues. See page 4 for more information on the JUC.

No formal action was required by the Monument District board at the conclusion of this discussion regarding the amendment to the 2015 Tri-Lakes facility budget since all the Monument board's requirements for its own 2015 district budget were met in the Dec. 9 JUC facility budget amendment.

Treasurer's report

Wicklund reported that one tap fee of \$8,100 had been received since the Nov. 20 regular board meeting. The total for 2014 tap fees received by the district to

date was reported by district accounting firm Haynie & Co. as \$57,150.

Since the cash summary for the Nov. 20 district board meeting, total disbursements were \$61,542 and total deposits were \$55,477. Total cash on hand as of Dec. 17 was \$815,392, including \$244,827 in the First National Bank Capital Preservation Fund account, \$403,985 in the ColoTrust Capital Preservation Fund account, and \$28,021 in the Integrity Series-2013 Loan account.

Some of the payments Wicklund noted in the Dec. 17 cash summary were:

- \$1,832 to Front Range Storage for the district's annual 2015 storage unit rental fee.
- \$2,284 to Gaddis, Kin Herd, P.C. for legal services.
- \$5,913 to Mulliken Weiner Berg & Jolivet P.C. for legal services.
- \$4,376 to Keen Pump Co. for a resi-

dential mini-lift station and an extra lift station pump and 220 volt plug-in oat switch.

- \$2,005 to Turbo's Mobile RV Service for new district computer software and new monitors plus installation.

Wicklund also noted that there would be repayment of a \$75,000 10-year surety deposit CD to the Trail's End developer for the Trail's End lift station in 2015. To date there has been no problem with this lift station so he expected that he would be returning the entire deposit plus the \$20,000 in interest that has accumulated when the 10-year CD is redeemed, barring any unforeseen lift station repairs in the interim.

The financial reports were accepted

as presented.

The board went into executive session at 9:34 a.m. to receive legal advice regarding legal questions and negotiations from litigation attorney Mulliken. The board came out of executive session at 10 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Jan. 15 at the at the district Tri-Lakes facility's conference room, 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Information for these meetings is available at 481-4053.

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January 2015

Choice Enrollment Now Open Tours Offered




Is your student considering attending Palmer Ridge High School or Lewis-Palmer High School for the 2015-2016 school year?

Both high schools are offering tours for families on the following dates at 1:30 p.m. Please contact PRHS at 719-867-8600 or LPHS at 719-488-6186 to sign up. These tours are intended for district or non-resident students wishing to choice enroll or for new families moving to our area.

January Tours:
PRHS Jan 23rd 1:30 p.m.
LPHS Jan 30th 1:30 p.m.

February Tours:
LPHS Feb 13th 1:30 p.m.
PRHS Feb 20th 1:30 p.m.



Choice enrollment for ALL grade levels is now open through February 20th. This is the time for residents and non-resident students to apply to attend any D-38 school. Details and forms are posted on the district website. Check with individual schools for additional open houses and tours.

It's Time to Register for 2015 Kindergarten and Preschool

Registration events will be held at all elementary schools on February 4th. Students entering kindergarten next fall, or anyone interested in reserving a spot in the preschool program, should attend. Times and locations are posted on each school's web site. More information is available online on the preschool page at www.lewispalmer.org or by calling (719) 488-4700.



D-38 Receives State Awards


Accreditation with Distinction
Lewis-Palmer School District has once again been awarded Accreditation with Distinction from the Colorado Department of Education. This designation is only given to top-achieving districts based on several measures of success, including achievement, growth, and post-secondary preparedness. District 38 has received this honor for five consecutive years, every year since the designation was established.

English Language Proficiency
The Lewis-Palmer English Learners program has been recognized as one of the top in the state. The program received the Colorado Excellence Award for highest English language proficiency and academic growth among English learners. District 38 has about 300 students whose primary language is other than English, representing more than 40 languages.

John Irwin Award for Academics
Four District 38 schools have been named John Irwin Schools of Excellence for the 2013-14 school year! Lewis-Palmer High School, Palmer Ridge High School, Prairie Winds Elementary, and Monument Academy were all honored by the Colorado Department of Education for exceeding expectations in academic achievement. Schools receiving this award are in the top eight percent of all schools in Colorado.

Next Parent Forum January 14th

The Lewis-Palmer School District Board of Education will hold its next open forum for parents and guardians of our students on January 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the district administration building. This is a chance for informal discussion with elected board members about school-related topics.



Front Row: Abigail Beatty, Erika Peterson, Catherine Witt, Maddy Trujillo, Tarah Miller. Middle Row: Morgan Dougan, Ashley Cherry, Alexandra Tolooee, Kayla Jeffery, Devynn Ritchie. Back Row: Coach Marlene Beatty, Emma Clothier, Laura Nolt, Raevyn Quezada, Anna Lincoln, Assistant Coach Shannon Rising. Not Pictured: Lindsey Purdham.
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LPHS Poms Team Makes the Grade

The LPHS Poms team has been recognized for the highest combined grade point average of any team in its division in Colorado. The girls total average GPA is 3.6.