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Shaffer said the Area 3 engineering study will be done by Forsgren Associates and will be a more detailed preliminary engineering type of study than the recent Regionalized Infrastructure Project (RIP) study, which analyzed the overall feasibility of constructing a regionalized water infrastructure system to bring our area renewable surface water from the Arkansas River and potentially build facilities to store both renewable water and well water pumped in low irrigation demand seasons to smooth out well water peak water supply demands.

President Robert Fisher said Triview had participated in dozens of studies in the last eight years, adding, "I think this one has more foundation to it than just about anything else we have ever talked about." He said the big issue to resolve is that "there is no master plan up here. Everybody is looking out for their own interests,

not talking to each other." He hoped that this study would "be a catalyst to larger discussions and better cooperation."

Note: PPRWA would oversee accounting on this regional water infrastructure project if it comes to fruition. However, the decision to actually build any infrastructure or buy renewable surface water rights will not be a specific outcome of this PPRWA study project.

The Triview board voted unanimously to join the PPRWA Area 3 Preliminary Engineering Study and allocate no more than \$8,400 toward it.

Eskridge appointed to board

The directors voted unanimously to appoint Bob Eskridge to the vacant board position to fill the remainder of Franklin's term. He has served as Triview board president in the past. District Manager Valerie Remington said the board vacancy had been posted as required.

April financial report

The directors unanimously approved Remington's report on checks over \$5,000:

- John Elway Chevrolet – Chevy Silverado – \$27,999
- Felt, Monson & Culichia, LLC – legal counsel – \$5,844

Remington's financial report packet stated cash positions as of April 15, 2015:

- General fund \$11.3 million
- Enterprise fund \$ 3.3 million
- Project fund accounts General/Enterprise \$214,000
- Project fund account escrow – Sewer/Phase E \$405,000
- 2009 Bond Funds – Restricted (except CD interest) – \$2.3 million
- Total cash – all funds \$17.6 million

As of April 30, which is 33 percent through the year, \$1.9 million or 43 percent of expected district general fund revenue had been collected. Revenue comes from property tax assessments, various types of tax revenue, and fees.

General fund expenditures as of April 30 were \$174,000 or 4 percent of what was budgeted. According to the report, future expenditures will include \$3.2 million in debt service payments and \$740,000 in payments to other funds (enterprise fund and capital improvement fund). Total expenditures for 2015 were projected to be \$4.6 million by year's end. Over 68 percent of revenue in will be going to the district's debt payment in 2015.

Remington commented that the district had under-budgeted for pothole repairs this year.

For the "water, wastewater and reuse enterprise fund," water revenue was at 31 percent of budget for 2015. Remington said heavy rains decreased demand, but tap fee revenue had helped some with the

shortfall. Enterprise fund expenditures were \$744,000 or 37 percent of budget, the report said.

For the capital improvement projects fund (CIP), revenue from water and sewer taps fees was only 23 percent of budget, but anticipated commercial project tap fees coming up should help, Remington said. Expenditures were 21 percent or \$279,000, according to the report. The budget for 2014 shows planned future transfers of \$1.1 million from the general fund and other financing sources to keep the CIP in a favorable cash position.

After some clarifying questions from newer board members, the board unanimously accepted the April 2015 financial report.

Land purchase for mouse habitat still in progress

The Preble's meadow jumping mouse is protected under the Endangered Species Act and is listed on the federal list of endangered and threatened wildlife. Jackson Creek Parkway was built over prime mouse habitat, Fisher said, and the district is required to purchase other wetlands open space as substitute mouse habitat to resolve this permit issue, under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Remington said she has found a land parcel that the district might purchase that could be more affordable than a previous parcel under consideration, but it must be approved by an environmental engineer as to its suitability for Preble's mouse habitat.

Remington and Fisher discussed whether there was a \$50,000 line item in the budget to pay for this 404 permit assessment. The board consensus was that Remington should proceed and contact the environmental engineer to perform the assessment of the new potential parcel when

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