

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Feb. 9 at the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility, 16510 Mitchell

Ave. Meetings throughout 2016 will normally be held on the second Tuesday of the month and are open to the public. For information, call Bill Burks at (719) 481-4053. Lisa Hatfield can be reached at lisahatfield@ocn.me..

Triview Metropolitan District, Jan. 12

Four director positions for May election

By Lisa Hatfield

On Jan. 12, the Triview Metropolitan District Board of Directors discussed the need for volunteers to run for four director's positions in the May election. The fact that expenditures were under budget for the year through November, including landscaping and streets, generated some comments, as did the fact that Monument had not yet delivered a corrected revenue statement for 2015.

Vice President Reid Bolander chaired the meeting in the absence of President Robert Fisher.

Triview is a Title 32 special district within the town of Monument that provides roads maintenance, open space maintenance, water, and sanitation services to the residents of Jackson Creek, Promontory Pointe, and Sanctuary Pointe.

Four positions need to be filled

Triview's Board of Directors consists of five publicly elected board members. Regular elections are held every two years in a staggered sequence of two and three openings, to ensure that the board will not entirely consist of new members, and normally the board members serve four-year terms.

However, three of the current directors were appointed and must be re-elected to their positions. Fisher is term-limited and not eligible to run again this election. The result is that two two-year and two four-year positions are open.

Self-nomination forms are due to designated election official Sue Blair by Feb. 26. District residents who are interested in running should call the district at 719-488-6868.

Areas of resident concern under budget

District Manager Valerie Remington presented the financial report as of November 2015. Several line items for the district general fund, water enterprise fund, and capital projects fund were under budget.

Bolander said it was good that the district did not overspend, except in areas of resident concern this year such as landscaping, which spent only 46 percent of the budgeted amount. Remington said there was a landscaping plan in place, but "some projects just didn't happen," since there was a lack of manpower that was finally resolved this fall with the hiring of a new operations staff member.

Streets maintenance expenditures were only 60 percent of the \$500,000 budgeted. Remington said that engineer John McGinn of JDS Hydro would be working with her on planning the scope of a road assessment study and interviewing engineers to do the study. Bolander said he hoped that they would help the district develop a five-to-10-year plan for roads maintenance.

Corrected revenue statement needed

Remington said the district still had not received corrected revenue reporting from the town of Monument after a mistake was made in early 2015. She said the corrected statement was needed before the district is audited this spring. Board consensus was that Bolander would talk to President Fisher to see what progress he had made in discussing this issue with Monument Mayor Rafael Dominguez.

Meanwhile, Triview's water attorney, Chris Cummins of Felt, Monson & Culichia LLC, would work on following up with Monument Town Treasurer Pamela Smith. Remington said Attorney Gary Shupp could not do this task since he is also the lawyer for town of Monument, so there is a conflict of interest.

Note: The town of Monument collects and distributes Triview's share of revenue payments for sales tax, motor vehicle tax, regional building sales tax, etc. See www.ocn.me/v15n9.htm#tvmd0811 for background.

Staffing decision re-evaluated

The directors revisited last month's decision to hire a part-time office assistant. Bolander asked if other external vendors had been asked for quotes to do Triview's billing, besides the one that the board agreed was "too expensive." He wanted to analyze the current billing process to evaluate efficiency, too. Director Bob Eskridge said that the board had looked at all these variables in the past, the number of accounts is only increasing, and he hoped the hiring process would be started already. See www.ocn.me/v16n1.htm#tvmd1208.

Remington said she would now post the position that the board agreed to in December. If a new staff person is hired, office space would eventually be reconfigured, and the Triview board meetings might move to a new location, which would be posted.

Upcoming elections discussed

Shupp said the board needed to decide when to hold a district election regarding TABOR. Voter approval would allow the district to receive and spend money above limitations set by the state's Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) amendment. Board consensus was that the next district election, in May, was too soon for this issue, but it might be done in November 2016, or possibly November 2017.

Board consensus was that in 2016, the district would also discuss increases in tap fees and construction bulk water fees. They asked Remington to move ahead on collecting data in those areas.

The board went into executive session at 6:26 p.m. to consult with its attorney about potential litigation. Shupp said he did not expect the board would make any announcements afterward.

The next meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on Feb. 9 at 16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 300. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Information: 488-6868.

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