

has been demolished, and the club wants to move the tap to lot 20. Current policies require the board to vote on the request, Shaffer said.

President Barrie A. Town pointed out that the board had approved many similar requests, and the board voted unanimously to approve the request.

District office will be polling place for upcoming board election

The district's office at 1845 Woodmoor Drive, located behind the fire station, will serve as a polling place if an election is required to fill two positions on the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District's board. It is not yet certain an election will be needed, Shaffer said.

Customer proposes change to sewer fees

District customer Germar Schäfer questioned the board concerning how sewer fees are calculated, and suggested that sewer fees should be consumption-based. Schäfer showed the board a bill he had received covering a month he had been out

of town, showing charges of \$1.17 for water and \$14.32 for sewer, to illustrate his concern. Schäfer argued that if the amount of water consumed was small, that should be reflected in the sewer charge.

Shaffer pointed out that the district has a "snow bird" policy that reduces sewer charges for customers who use less than 500 gallons of water. Wastewater is not metered, Shaffer said.

Town said that since it had been two years since sewer rates had been reviewed, the board should review the sewer rate structure as part of the preparation for the 2017 budget.

Work crews commended in manager's report

In his report to the board, Assistant District Manager Randy Gillette noted that the district had only 6 percent of water unaccounted for, and that this low rate of water loss was mainly due to the hard work and responsiveness of work crews in addressing line breaks.

To illustrate his point, Gillette mentioned a recent break on Indian Summer Lane, which was reported at 7 p.m. and

was repaired by 3:30 a.m. the next day. The crew worked all night, and made the repair despite low temperatures and frozen ground, Gillette said, and affected customers came into the office to recognize the crew for their efforts.

The board went into executive session at 2:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 17. Meetings are usually held at the district office at 1845 Woodmoor Drive on the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. See www.woodmoorwater.com or call 488-2525 to verify meeting times.

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Donala Water and Sanitation District, Jan. 21

2015 budget balanced despite wet year

By Jim Kendrick

On Jan. 21, General Manager Kip Petersen advised the Donala Water and Sanitation District board that the district had completed 2015 with a balanced budget despite significant water revenue decreases from irrigation during a wet year.

Donala offered free use of its renovated conference room to Triview Metropolitan District for Triview meetings.

Note: Triview is considering providing room for additional administrative staff in its Jackson Creek Commerce Center office by converting its conference room. Triview, Donala, and Forest Lakes Metropolitan District are co-owners of the Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility. See Triview article on page 11 for information on additional staffing in the Triview administrative office.

The board rescheduled its strategic planning workshop for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Feb. 12. The board approved 11 regular meetings at 1:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month for January to October and on Dec. 8, in the district conference room at 15850 Holbein Drive. An annual 9 a.m. workshop will also be held on Nov. 17 in the district conference room.

Financial reports

District General Manager Kip Petersen reported that 2015 total district operating revenues were \$5.78 million, 17.56 percent less than the \$7.01 million budgeted.

Total district expenditures and capital projects were \$5.06 million, 21.92 percent less than the \$6.48 million budgeted. He noted that about \$600,000 for capital projects was deferred to 2016. The budgeted total is \$1.8 million for 2016 capital projects. There were also about \$100,000 in unplanned 2015 expenses for two groundwater well capital repairs.

The Upper Monument Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility 2015 total operating revenues were \$1.02 million, 24.25 percent less than the \$1.34 million budgeted. Total facility expenditures and projects were \$1.07 million, 17.78 percent less than the \$1.30 million budgeted. He noted that some facility capital projects were also deferred to 2016.

Water service for 56 homes conditionally approved

Petersen discussed a proposal from Scott Gratrix, representing Westbrook Capital Holdings and G&S Development, regarding the vacant portions of defunct Gleneagle golf course property, to redevelop the property with 41 single-family home sites with access to both existing roads and di-

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