

Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, April 14

# Board president completes term

By James Howald

The Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) board met on April 14 to discuss service options for the Ponderosa/Bald Mountain Estates development, to plan for a quality study of Lake Woodmoor water, to review the status of the Chilcott Ditch, to consider a request to expand from a local brewery, to hear updates on a number of district projects, and to bid farewell to board President Barrie Town, who is leaving the board after eight years of service.

### President Town leads last meeting

The April 14 meeting was the last chaired from start to finish by Town. District voters will elect two board members on Tuesday, May 3. Voting will take place at the Woodmoor Improvement Association Community Center (also called "The Barn") from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Jim Wyss, Beth Courrau, and Brian Bush are running for the two seats.

Town will convene the board's next meeting on May 12; the new president will chair that meeting.

### Development seeks to join district

District Manager Jessie Shaffer told the board that he was discussing options for the district to supply water to the Ponderosa/Bald Mountain Estates development, a neighborhood of 28 homes and a church complex just north of the intersection of County Line Road and Furrow Road. The residents currently use water from wells and are concerned about ground water depletion and the effort required to maintain their own water system, Shaffer said.

The homes are in Douglas County, and Douglas County Water Resource Planner Tim Murrell has offered to pay for an engineering study that will define options for water delivery, according to Shaffer.

Shaffer asked the board to approve the WWSD staff time required to do preliminary planning that would define the infrastructure needs for the project, and the board approved the request.

### Lake Woodmoor water study planned

Shaffer told the board that three engineering companies have responded to requests for proposals to study how to improve the taste and odor of Lake Woodmoor water.

Shaffer told the board he would give them his recommendation about which proposal to approve at a future meeting.

### Chilcott Ditch now moving water

Shaffer told the board that three projects had recently been completed on the Chilcott Ditch, which conveys water to the Callahan reservoir on the JV Ranch. Two culverts and a flume have been replaced, Shaffer said, and water is currently flowing in the ditch.

Shaffer commended Assistant District Manager Randy Gillette and his team for their effectiveness in dealing with unanticipated obstacles to making the ditch functional after years of disuse.

### Local microbrewery request leads to potential policy update

Shaffer told the board that Pikes Peak Brewing Co. is planning to expand its brewing capacity and will need additional water. Discussion between the brewery and WWSD led to a reconsideration of the district's supplemental water service policy, Shaffer said. Shaffer argued that the existing policy should have a category added for breweries so that it does not require the brewery to pay unnecessary surcharges for supplemental water.

### Manager's and engineer's reports detail progress

Other reports to the board made the following points:

- Well 11 has an undiagnosed problem causing sand to clog the well's filter.
- Well 8 has had its pump replaced.
- Two proposals have been received for the construction of an equipment storage building on the JV Ranch. A fabric enclosure design, similar to the design of Denver International Airport, is being considered for the building.
- The Xpress Billpay project is moving forward. A merchant account with Chase Payment Tech has been set up. Xpress Billpay could be available to customers by August.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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The next meeting is scheduled for May 12 at 1 p.m. 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](http://www.woodmoorwater.com) or call 488-2525 to verify meeting times.

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