

**EAGLE BEND METROPOLITAN DISTRICT # 2**  
**<http://www.eaglebendmetro.com>**  
Monthly Meeting  
Heritage Eagle Bend Clubhouse  
23155 E. Heritage Parkway, Aurora, Colorado 80016  
**Date: September 22, 2011**  
10:00 am

**Draft MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Director Coker. In attendance were Directors: Coker, Arellano, Rexroat, Meyer, Geiger and Board Recording Secretary Audrey Davie.

**II. Declaration of Quorum/Director Qualifications/Disclosure of Conflicts**

It is the responsibility of each Director to disclose any matter of conflict of interest with the District to the Board prior to each meeting, and any such potential conflicts must also be filed with the Secretary of State. The practice of filing each month has been amended to filing on an annual basis for all meetings, absent new conflicts that arise during the year.

**III. Approval of Consent Items**

**A. September 22, 2011 Agenda, August 25, 2011 Minutes, August 2011 Check Register**

Director Geiger made a motion to approve the following consent items: September 22, 2011 agenda, August 25, 2011 minutes, ratification of check number #1672 and August payables with check register #1673-1686 with check #1685 voided. Director Coker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

**IV. Public Input**

The Northwest/Eagle Bend Marketplace project, "demonstration garden," was touted with praise. One member of the public stated, "It will be gorgeous."

**V. Reports of Officers, Committees and Professional Consultants**

**A. Water**

**1. Update on Current Water Usage - East Cherry Creek Valley Pipeline and Wells**

**a. Scott Lehman, District Water Consultant, Monthly Summary Report**

Directors Rexroat and Arellano met with Scott Lehman and reported the following: the East Cherry Creek pipeline (ECCV) flow will be increased to 20%, the north well antennae will be upgraded and extra transmitters and receivers will be purchased should an emergency occur. The wells are functionally exceptionally well and holding their respective water levels. The North well continues to experience poor power quality from Xcel however; Director Rexroat is researching how to remedy this problem.

A discussion ensued regarding water rates and expenditures. At this time it is unknown what the District's 2012 water rate will be. Recently, the Denver Post announced the Denver Water Board will increase their rates. The City of Aurora (COA) has not released any information regarding their position on this issue however COA rates directly affect the Metro's flat water rate charge. It was pointed out that the Metro District absorbs an Xcel Energy "green energy surcharge" costing approximately \$4000/year. The public's perception is that the District is selling water at a higher rate than expected while the COA is telling the Metro their water rate is too low. Director Coker briefly explained that neighboring communities are paying more for their water than HEB HOA. Director Rexroat reported the District is one of the first Metro Districts to drill their own wells and establish City partnerships for additional water resources (e.g. ECCV). He stated other communities "are following us". Director Coker posed this topic could be a SDA conference workshop and perhaps the District could apply for a second SDA Collaborative Award.

Director Coker stated the Buchanan Tap has not been opened in the last 3 years because it is only used for emergencies. It was agreed by the Board that Director Rexroat will implement and conduct a yearly test of the Buchanan Tap each spring.

### **1. Update on Current Water Usage - East Cherry Creek Valley Pipeline and Wells continued**

**Public Question:** What is the level in the pond and who controls that? How high is it supposed to be?

**Answer:** Every year the HEB HOA specifies how much water they want in the pond. Generally the HOA has enough water to operate 2-4 days depending on the daily temperature.

### **B. Landscaping**

#### **1. Creekside HOA**

##### **a. Update re: City of Aurora Xeriscape rebate**

Director Arellano reported the rebate was approved by the city; funds will be forthcoming.

#### **2. Eagle Bend Marketplace/Northwest Project**

##### **a. Colorado Special District Association Collaboration Award 2011**

Director Arellano reported the project will be completed very soon with installation of the benches occurring next week. Black and white information signs will be installed to identify the plants with their botanical and common name. The "dedication stone" will be sandblasted with each Board member's name, the Recording Secretary's name along with a date. When the project is completed a dedication ceremony will take place.

### **Public Comments:**

- 1.) A lot of people do not walk and say, "I don't know why they did that." It (demonstration garden) will help our property values and it will look lovely.
- 2.) People complain. Do they really care and really know? If they would come to meetings.. it irks me they don't come to any meetings.
- 3.) Each homeowner pays about \$16-17 to subsidize the golf course. Director Coker noted the COA allocates Saddle Rock a certain amount of water. When that allocation is exceeded Saddlerock does not water their golf course!

### **Public Questions:**

- 1.) Will the landscape company maintain all the landscaping? **Answer:** Yes. The current contract will be reviewed next year.
- 2.) Will attractive trash receptacles be installed? **Answer:** Yes.
- 3.) What are the white poles for? **Answer supplied by member of the public:** The poles are for shade sails.
- 4.) Have we made any approaches to ForestCity? **Answer:** Yes. Director Coker reminded those present that ForestCity presented their plans at the Board's July 28, 2011 meeting.
- 5.) Will the landscaping (ForestCity) correspond to what is currently in place? **Answer:** Director Coker stated Norris Design and the Board have been in communication. Uniform landscaping was discussed at the July 28 meeting.

### **3. South Aurora Parkway**

The irrigation system located in the SAP center medians is being replaced as the plants were not receiving sufficient water per Director Arellano. Next spring plants will be added and/or replaced with the warranty exercised if needed. Scott Lehman, Water Consultant, inspected the health of the trees along SAP and will assist in determining if any tree needs to be replaced next year.

### **C. Communications**

#### **1. Update October Newsletter 2011**

Deadline for submitting articles is October 1, 2011 with distribution scheduled for October 15th. Director Meyer has been taking photos on a regular basis for the newsletter. Director Coker has directed Audrey Davie to draft an article on the funding sources for Arapahoe open space areas. Director Rexroat will be responsible for writing an informational article explaining: **1.)** Xcel Energy, **2.)** a possible water rate increase and why, **3.)** information re: overall water/wi-fi system

#### **2. Update re: District Website**

Photos of the Demonstration Garden will be uploaded to the website. Agendas and minutes are current except for April/Minutes and agendas for May and June. Director Geiger's article on the District's SDA awards will be uploaded when approved.

Director Meyer attended a SDA informational session regarding Face Book. He is currently researching as to whether the District should establish a site.

## **D. Operations & Services**

### **1. Colorado Special District Association Distinguished Board Member Award 2011**

Director Coker announced the Metro District received a “2011 Colorado Collaborative Award” from the Special District Association (SDA) for the Eagle Bend Marketplace – Demonstration Garden. The project was initially discussed approximately 3 years ago. Lengthy negotiations with E-470, the COA and owners of the Eagle Bend Marketplace were held in order to implement the Board’s vision. In addition, the Board received a second award at the annual SDA Conference held in Breckenridge. Director Arellano was recipient of the “SDA Distinguished Board Member Award”. EBMD#2 was one of five Districts selected out of the 1800 special districts in Colorado to receive this honorable award. Director Arellano praised each Board member for their talents and expertise and stated, “The award is a culmination of the entire Board”.

### **E. Legal**

A discussion ensued as to who would be the “official repository” of all Board agendas, minutes and all other official documents. Currently these are being kept by Board Recording Secretary, Audrey Davie; however all agendas and minutes are emailed to Kristen Bear, legal counsel. This issue will be continued as a discussion item at the September 26<sup>th</sup> planning meeting per Director Coker.

### **Public Comment:**

1.) ...there isn’t an archivist system. You can use the website as an archivist or a person. Do you back the site up off-site? *Answer:* Yes we can do that.

## **F. Treasurer’s Report**

### **1. Quarterly Budget review**

Director Geiger stated the budget will be reviewed and discussed at the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. He will email all Directors a year-to- date expense chart so that each Director can determine how much money is needed for their specific area for 2012. Currently the 2012 Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for October 27, 2012. Director Geiger stated the Board has until October 15 to publish the required hearing notification.

### **2. Update & overview of Assessed Valuation of District 2012 / 2013**

No new information at this time.

### **3. Confirm date for Public Hearing for 2012 Budget as October 27, 2011**

Per Director Coker legal counsel will post all required notices for the Public Budget Hearing. The meeting will take place at the HEB Clubhouse at 10:00 am.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

## **VII. New Business and Special Orders**

### **A. Confirm Inverness planning meeting Sept. 26, 2011 re: Budget & Strategic Planning**

All arrangements have been made per Audrey Davie and the agenda has been emailed to all Directors.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting ended at 11:58 am.

**The next meeting will be held September 26, 2011**