

regarding the 2012 water rates would include information to the owners on the option to participate in the water plant funding.

If funds allowed, the completion of the Lakeview Circle water line extension would be done in 2012. Some of the pipe for the extension and a hydrant is stored in the District. The area of the extension and the future location of a connection to Silverthorne for emergency water were defined on the District aerial map.

Operations. The snow plowing went well during an early season storm. There was a discussion of speeding on Hamilton Creek Road and reported instances of unsafe driving habits. The problem would continue to be monitored to determine if any actions should be taken in the future. The asphalt roads remained in good condition with the regular maintenance including patching of problem areas and crack filling. Crescent Moon Trail is in the worst condition regarding cracks, but has not changed in recent years. More funding would be available for the roads in five years following the payoff of the water plant funding. The road problems on Hamilton Creek Trail and Red Buffalo were discussed. These road areas have not been accepted by the District. The forest work in 2012 included professional removal in the areas below the water treatment plant and the pickup of trees taken out by homeowners. There was a discussion of noxious weed control that is within the road budget.

2012 Budget. *The public hearing on the 2012 budget was opened. There were no members of the public present. The public hearing was closed. (Beauprez/DeLorimier,3-0)* The 2011 financial summary and the 2012 budget were discussed. The reduced property valuations lowered the property tax income for the District by \$70,000. The proposed water rate increase would raise \$10,000 in additional revenues. *The 2012 budget, the resolution to appropriate revenue, and the 40 mill levy were approved. (DeLorimier/Beauprez,3-0).*

User Rates. The Board had continued discussions since the last meeting on rate changes through emails. There was a discussion on how to maintain fair rates, increase income, and encourage water conservation. After discussion, the 2012 rates were set at \$125 base fee; \$3 for 0 to 15,000 gallons in usage; \$5 for 15,000 to 25,000 gallons; \$10 for 25,000 to 40,000 gallons; and \$15 for usage over 40,000 gallons. The rates are per 1,000 gallons. *A motion was approved to adopt the 2012 rates, change the billing to arrears, and eliminate accessory unit billing. (Beauprez/DeLorimier,3-0).* The accessory units would be accounted for in the rate structure based on usage.

Election. Two positions on the Board were up for election. *The Board appointed Bob Polich as the election official. (Beauprez/DeLorimier,3-0).* The District will conform to statutory guidelines to publish the notice of the election for self-nomination petitions.

Next Meeting. The next meeting would be March 14, 2012 at 1 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.