Board considers transfer of taps to Dunes at Woodmoor

By James Howald

The Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) board met on April 6 to discuss the transfer of water taps from The Cove to new residences being built at The Dunes at Woodmoor, to discuss a change in their strategy for investing district reserve funds, and to hear operational reports.

To accommodate the schedules of board members, the meeting on April 6 was held a week ahead of the usual date for the district’s meetings, which are typically held on the second Thursday of each month.

Board takes up transfer of taps to new development

District Manager Jessie Shaffer asked the board for guidance concerning a request to transfer 39 taps that were originally purchased for use at The Cove, a multi-family complex adjacent to Woodmoor Lake, to residences currently under construction at a new development, The Dunes at Woodmoor, located on the east side of Woodmoor Drive. A tap is a connection between one or more buildings and the water service for the area.

Shaffer told the board that it would have to explicitly approve the transfer of the taps. The taps were originally purchased for use with multi-family residences, which typically use 25 percent less water than single-family residences, which typically use with multi-family residences, Shaffer said. The owner of the taps, La Plata Communities, wants to transfer the taps to single-family residences at The Dunes at Woodmoor.

Shaffer pointed out that transfers could be approved only in cases where the current owner of the taps owned the properties the taps were originally purchased for as well as the properties to receive the taps at the same time.

The request raised some legal issues that required discussion in executive session, and the board took no action on the request at the meeting.

Board changes strategy on investment of reserve funds

Shaffer told the board that a portion of the district’s reserve funds had been invested through Integrity Bank and Trust in a program to treat radium in one of its wells. Also, Trustee Greg Coopman requested a discussion of an OCN article, “Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility Joint Use Committee, March 14: Still working toward relationship with town of Monument.”

See the June 3 issue of OCN for results of these two scheduled agenda items.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. May 9 at the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility, 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meetings are normally 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.