



MEMORANDUM

To: Nederland Board of Trustees
From: Jason Morrison
Date: February 12, 2014
Re: Staff Report -- Public Works

Streets and Drainage

We have been very busy with snow plowing. The new crew seems to be getting the hang of it. It will take a little more work to get all the kinks worked out, where are good places to pile snow, how to clear intersections etc. We are working on a snow information page for the Town web site to help people understand why we do the things we do. We hope this information will be useful for the public to understand all that goes into clearing the streets for their use.



We are urging folks to be mindful of plow trucks coming through. We need roadsides to be clear of parked cars, and we need the right-of-way from ongoing vehicles as often as possible. If we come upon drivers who do not yield, often we will have to “ditch” a vehicle to avoid an accident or we will stop to allow them by and lose momentum on our trucks, creating an unsafe situation for our drivers. This is part of the information we will be placing on the “snow page” on the web site.

At any given time, the number of plow drivers is 3 to 5, depending on shift overlap, as well as the priorities of the drivers. Sand has been extremely difficult to get this year due to a statewide shortage. Due to the small volume Nederland uses each season, we are pretty low on the list as to when we can get new supplies. It has been three weeks since I ordered the last batch, so we are now rationing what we have. I have spoken to Boulder County and CDOT in an effort to get fill-in material, but they are in the same boat.

Collections, Distribution, and Water Treatment Plant

With the cold temps we have been busy with several houses with broken pipes due to freezing. The houses on Doe Trail in Big Springs that we insulated over the summer seem to be holding up so far. The raw water intake project is on hold until we can pour concrete. As the Board knows, we anticipate repairing a number of

collection pipes damaged in the floods in September, as soon as we confirm the project funding with FEMA. The Board should see the contract shortly for that work.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Operations consultant Wayne Ramey and project engineer Bob Frachetti came up this week to check out operations and give a review of our process and offer some advice. That went very well. The freezing valve issue has been resolved with a temporary fix. The permanent fix will be in place shortly.

Parks

We will be doing our inspection of Chipeta Park the week before Frozen Dead Guy Days to note condition in case of damage during the event.