

**MEETING MINUTES  
FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LA PLATA WEST WATER AUTHORITY**

The Board of Directors of the La Plata West Water Authority held a meeting Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in person at the Hesperus Fire Station, located at 22868 Highway 140, Hesperus, CO 81326, or via FreeConferenceCall.com. Attendees were: Mardi Gebhardt, Paul Gray, Barb McCall (telecon), Archie House Jr.(telecon), Aaron Preator (telecon), Frank Smith (6:40), Deb Flick (6:42), Dave Marsa (6:43).

- 1) Call to Order by Mardi at 6:39; quorum met.
- 2) Roll Call: see list above
- 3) Approve Agenda: Adding items of the tour and call with LDWA. A **MOTION** was made by Barb; second by Paul; motion approved.
- 4) Sites
  - a) Site up-date: progress on telecommunications (starting tomorrow), pricing better than what we discussed last meeting at \$136.01 per month, buying the modem, one hard line, internet (100mps). Has not researched trash service. Mardi's Dave has been helping pull staples and paneling. Ground wire was needed and installed the same day. Trailer was energized and the fan works in the bathroom.
  - b) Next steps to complete: Nolan will install insulation and plastic vapor barrier.
  - c) Operator's Report: Dave reported that LDWA is providing better consistent water now. Control valve at the vault is fluctuating, meter pits are on backorder, and subscribers wanting to get on the system but needing parts. Operations are working well overall. Intake structure access road was damaged with snow runoff so when rains came recently, all the surface course has eroded into the ditch. Dave received a quote from Canyon Construction for road work/repair for \$5,250, for blading and compaction down road from CR 210. A **MOTION** was made by Frank; Paul seconded; motion approved. BOR wants notification when Canyon work is finished so they can do a walk thru after ditch cleaning, etc.
  - d) Phase 0 O&M Committee: Kevin not present (tabled)
  - e) Phase 0 Fitting for 30" line arrived and was being installed
- 5) Phase 2
  - a) Letter to Phase 2 area and new campaign for commitments (letter on drive and in email): Discussion included starting a waitlist but need to get Spring Hollow and Elsworth's on the system. Mardi revised the Water Commitment form and discussion included more verbiage about refunds, and what the commitment means.
  - b) Fill Station: LDWA review our letter, consideration Phase 1
  - c) Spring Hollow: Originally had put in commitments, so they have money to apply to hookup. Hookup fees are still to be determined based on parts, road bore, time, and materials.
- 6) Comments and Communications
  - a) Board Members: Deb received a thank you card from the family of Jim Dunlap. The Plaque for Lee/Isgar is ready and awaiting a check from Mardi. Mardi attended the Commissioner's meeting at Breen. She stated topics discussed were homeless camps, Gene Orr (CR 119) asked about the water system, and LPWWA's search for funding.
  - b) The ALPWCD tour is on Saturday meeting a Breen and carpooling to the intake structure, LDWA, Blue Hill tank. Mardi received a call from Doug Carouthers at LDWA requesting an elevation of valves between the portals of the intake structure. Russ with OM&R explained to Doug about pumping procedures and levels of the lake.
  - c) Guests: not applicable
- 7) Minutes Approval
  - a) Approval of meeting minutes: A **MOTION** was made by Deb to accept the minutes as revised for June 15, 2022; second by Aaron; motion approved. A **MOTION** was made by Paul to accept the minutes for June 29, 2022; Deb seconded; motion approved.
- 8) Financial reports
  - a) P&L Report & Accounts Receivable: Deb reported that LDWA paid the outstanding LPEA bill creating a credit balance for them. ACH payments are delayed until mid-July.
  - b) Audit: Mardi stated it is completed and we did ok. Deb wondered about the depreciation.

- c) Consent Agenda: A **MOTION** was made by Frank; seconded by Deb; motion approved.
  - d) Bills not in consent agenda: see list at end of minutes as added and revised on the board drive.
  - e) Transfer: capacity sale balance & earned interest discussion to add reserves to ColoTrust account; OM &R charges coming next month. A **MOTION** was made by Deb to move the balance of the sale capacity account reserve of \$30,000 (minimum) from the TBK water user commitment account into the trust account. Additional earned interest from this account will be moved into the TBK operating account; seconded by Paul; motion approved.
  - f) Next year's purchase of ALP water: We need to buy 50-acre feet to bring our total up to 200 acre feet. Mardi led discussion about river water versus storage water. River water has already been pumped for this year, so storage water will be used for the rest of the year. Mardi put in an order in for 17-acre feet in March.
- 9) Tabled (previously) business
- a) Policy for Well Permits approval/disapproval: need a basic policy to avoid future letters of consideration per Amy, so Frank volunteered to take on the task to draft a policy; Barb will help also.
  - b) R&Rs recommendation from committee: Barb reported that she is close to finishing table of contents since laptop has been upgraded with proper software and she is awaiting any other items for addition to this revision.
  - c) Start a 'fluid' Item list for Amy/Board, to help keep track of needed legal/unfinished board work moving forward (tabled).
  - d) Surety report (tabled).
  - e) Attorney comments for open issue (tabled).
- 10) Executive Session for the purposes of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-06-402. Not applicable.
- 11) Other Business
- a) Set next meeting dates: Board meeting on August 10, 2022. Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm with a **MOTION** by Barb.
- Respectfully submitted by:

Barb McCall, LPWWA Board Secretary

Business Operations	No.	Amount
FCC		\$3.00
Google Play		\$1.99
ViaSat		\$60.48
Verizon		
USDA P&I		\$9,337.00
Reserve		\$1,085.00
LPEA Intake	All billable to LDWA_5/28 to 6/28	\$3,437.00
LPEA Booster	All billable to LDWA_5/28 to 6/28	\$1,939.00
LPEA Tank_Vault		\$41.47
LPEA Office		\$26.50
CW&LL		\$0.00
Green Ana		\$275.00
A to Z Electric		\$0.00
ASAP	June 30 2022 106247	\$1,385.04
Honest Design Co. aka Creative Edge		

UNCC	June 30 2022 222060895	\$11.70
SW Waste Water	3277 May	\$2,540.00
SW Waste Water		
LDWA Water		
Office depot		\$106.98
Home depot receipt	ground rod	\$25.52
		\$20,275.68