

La Plata West Water Authority

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2021

1) 6:30 Call to Order-Mardi called the meeting to order at 6:37pm we are unable to connect to freeconferencecall.com, currently no quorum. Once the free conference call connection was established we had a quorum.

2) Roll Call- Mardi Gebhardt, Paul Gray, Deb Flick, Kevin Mallow, (Douglas Mize Jr, Aaron Preator, Archie House Jr attended virtually), Frank Smith

Others in attendance- Dave Marsa, (Colin Daly, Roy Horvath- attended virtually)

3) Approve Agenda Add: Mardi had a few changes to add 9(e) ALP loan and the renewal of Aaron Preator as a Board member 10(b) executive session to discuss possible accounting contract. Paul made a motion to accept the agenda as amended by Mardi, Deb seconded the motion which was approved by all.

4) 6:35 SITE

a) (5) Site up-date progress-Set up to happen Friday or Saturday. Then water sewer and electric can be hooked up. Then it will be tied down. The trailer needs some TLC. Roy stated that he has some lights that may be able to be used. Dave stated a guy who works for him will give us a price to sheet the outside and replace the windows.

b) (5) Paid bill \$1,272.00

5) 6:45 a) (10) Operator's Report, hook-ups, CDPHE – Dave reported he is flushing every week and has not received any calls for new hookups in a while. Meter in our vault was not running while the meter in LDWA's vault was running but he knows the tank was filling. So that may be the reason for the reading discrepancy. He finished the barrel of chlorine that we had. Dave proposed to just buy the chlorine that we need so we don't buy a barrel and have it potentially get wasted or go bad.

b) (5) Bid for Road Repair at Reider's – Frank made a motion to accept the proposal from Southwest to repair Long Lane, Paul seconded the motion which was approved by all.

c) (10) Discuss final PA and taking care of seeding and settling remaining issues. Mardi got a cashier's check and the bank suggested getting a lien release acknowledgement signature on the back of the check. The check was sent to Williams Construction and received but has not been cashed.

d) Vulnerability report needs doing, Mardi would like assistance. Frank is willing to help with the report.

6) 7:00 PHASE TWO

a) (5) Final PER/ER discussion with Colin – minor updates to the report- regarding high pressure, added alternatives that showed the recommended ranges CDPHE. If we kept everything at 80 psi we would have to add 8 prvs. 138 psi would need 3 prvs. If the Board would be willing to accept the higher pressures we would need to acknowledge it formally. Colin will send the revised draft report to Mardi. Colin plugged in USDA's numbers for the grant/ loan amortization. Kevin suggested calling Duane to see if there is any additional funding coming available with the new infrastructure bill. Colin looked at potentially reducing the size of the line from 6" to 4" in section 'B'. 4 inch line could service the area. If

we were to go with the preferred alternative with 38.5 homes, we would need an additional 31 homes throughout the system to make the project feasible.

b) (15) Committee and newsletter to Phase 2 area New Maps- make it specific to landowners who live in between those who are already signed up to make them aware that the project could potentially come to their area. Mardi has new maps.

7) 7:20 Comments and Communications

a) (5) From the Board Members: Phone message re: Trailer- we are looking at fixing it up.

b) (5) Guests, via call-in: non repetitive comments please, time limit two minutes each – Roy asked where we are with the potential restraint of ALP water. Kevin stated that half the water we bought goes in the lake. The other half stays in the river. Roy stated we have roughly 20 AF of storage capacity in Lake Durango. Roy suggested we request a clarification from ALP on how this restraint will affect our operations going forward and defines our future needs. LPWWA needs to get a better understanding of this. The tribes don't want the current users to get in the habit of dipping into their storage, they don't want to set a precedent. Doug suggested we get an opinion from our attorney on the matter.

Roy asked about property transfers and that new property owners don't want the service. Mardi stated this is true that the new owner doesn't have to subscribe but the meter gets pulled, and the property owner will have to pay the going subscription rate to have the meter installed and receive service if they decide to receive service in the future.

8) 7:30 Minutes Approval

a) (10) Approval of meeting minutes of: Oct 13 make sure to pass approved minutes onto Lindsay to post – Kevin made a motion to approve the minutes and Deb seconded the motion which was approved.

b) (5) Date change to December meeting 12/15- everyone is good with the date change.

9) 7:45 Financial reports

a) P&L Report – reports are showing that we are making a profit. Accounts Receivable – Deb reported that she will make contact with those that are late in making payments.

b) Discuss: Budget – Doug asked a question about the budget worksheet on H13 and H71 we explained that H76 is also included to get to the total capital cost shown in H13. Deb reported that we basically updated the budget based on the auditors suggestions. They suggested we book invoices in the month they are received even if they are not paid until the next month.

c) Bills not in consent agenda (Esri) \$500.00

d) Approve Consent agenda Deb moved that we approve the consent agenda with the three added invoices, Paul seconded the motion which was approved by all.

e) ALP Loan- Mardi reported that ALP is willing to work with us on the repayment of the line of credit for the PER- we need to submit something to them for their next meeting. Renewal for Aaron Preator-Yes, Aaron would like to continue as a board member. Mardi will let ALP know.

10) 8:00 NEW & OLD BUSINESS TABLED

a) R&Rs recommendation from committee: Barb – this was tabled until a future meeting.

b) (10) Accounting AM*- Paul moved we go into executive session for the purpose of potential contract discussion and Deb seconded at 9:03pm. 9:23 we left executive session.

Next meeting December 15, 2021

11) *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. as above

12) OTHER BUSINESS a) Set next meeting dates: Board meetings and Budget Hearing December 15, 2021

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Minutes as reported by Frank Smith, Substitute Secretary

Approved on December 15, 2021.

