

**La Plata West Water Authority
Board of Director's Meeting
March 12, 2025
555 CR 122, Hesperus, CO 81326**

1. Call to order

2. **Roll Call** – In attendance were James Campbell, Frank Smith, Sharon Orr, Deb Flick, Wanda Cason, Aaron Preator, Doug Mize (teleconference), Bernadette Cuthair, Kevin Mallow, Dave Marsa, Bruce Whitehead, James French, Peter Schmitt

3. Approve Agenda

Motion made by Frank, second by Wanda; unanimous approval

4. Minutes Approval (2/12/25)

Motion made by Frank to approve 2/12/25 minutes as corrected, second by Bernadette; motion carried with one abstention.

5. Public Comment

- A. Advisory Board member introduction
James French

6. Schmitt 60 Acre Project-presentation

- Questions asked about water for a 26 home development and steps to take next for this 12-16 year project.

7. Operations and Business

A. ALPWCD Agreement

- Bruce Whitehead gave an overview of the water system and its agreements
- Discussion regarding the current water usage and the need for an amended agreement due to the lower-than-expected revenue and the unavailability of grant funds to begin Phase 2 as planned.

B. Operator Report-Dave

Tank Report and Diving Services Proposal

- Inland Potable Services will be contracted to clean the silt from the Blue Hill Tank, coordinated by operator in the amount of \$3,150. Motion to approve the proposal made by Frank, second by Doug; unanimous approval.

C. Fill Station report-James

February-154,949 gallons of water sold = \$4,032; January and February revenue = \$10,084

D. Contact List-Appointment terms- please provide Secretary with your appointment terms.

8. Financial Report

- A. Consent Agenda: Admin recap 2/25; Budget vs. Actuals 2/28/25; P&L Balance Sheet 2/28/2025 S&M; P &L Transaction Detail. Motion to approve by Deb, second by Sharon; unanimous approval.

B. One disconnect completed on March 4th and back on March 7th.

C. Haynie Audit commences March 24, 2025

- Copies of all contracts and agreements needed in audit- make sure they are all up to date (Marsa contract, current working agreements with LDWA and ALPWCD, etc.).
- Secure new auditors in the Fall of 2025; Haynie has been auditing LPWWA for 3 years.

9. Committee Reports

A. OM & R

- LPWWA/LDWA Agreement-changes
- Two more paragraphs were added by LDWA (4 and 5) to the revised agreement by LPWWA. Request that LDWA define fixed costs before signing the agreement.

B. Strategic Plan

- Members will be James, Doug, Frank

C. Management (R&Rs, Bylaws, Board Manual)

- LOC- required docs completed and sent-2023 Audit, current WEP

D. Phase 2

- WUC Refund Checks sent (6)
- Grant availability
 - Met with RCAC- given the freeze on Federal grants, there are no available grants presently, but that could change. Contact will be made to other organizations that find funding; EPIC will also be contacted.

10. Tabled and Unfinished Business

None

11. New Business

None

12. Other Business

A. Executive Session

- A motion by Frank was made to enter an Executive Session pursuant to 24-6-402 (4) (a) CRS Water purchase, second by Bernadette. Discussion ensued. Exit Executive Session at 9:38.
- Regular session reconvened in order to vote to approve the annual purchase of 13 acre feet of water in April, in the amount of \$45,760 annually for 7 years + fees; pursue the remainder of the obligated 100 acre feet water purchase in 2031. Motion made by Frank, second by Doug; unanimous approval

13. Adjourn – 9:46 PM

Next LPWWA Board Meetings: April 9, 6:30 PM; May 14, 2025, 6:30 PM

Sharon Orr
Secretary, LPWWA