

Agenda Items and GM Report 3/16/2023

1. Call to Order----5:15PM

Attendance: Board members present (Ward Holmes, Jeff Wagner, Mike Roussin, Tom Brossia, Chuck Stevens not present—Excused prior) Staff present: Tim Graham, Chris Moore, Matt Nesbitt, Charlie Smith. Visitors: Mike Wasson Rafter J HOA, Janet Anderson Durango west 1 Manager, Tom Phelps D West 1 board member, Derek Ryter D West 2 Board Member.

2. Approval of the Agenda. Tom, Mike R 2nd, approved.

3. Approval of 2/16/2023 Meeting Minutes. Jeff, Mike R 2nd, approved. Updated Bylaws for voting –section 3.8 President has same voting rights as other board members. Tom , Mike Roussin 2nd, approved

4. General Managers Report: Administration, Source, Treatment Water System.

5. Capital Improvements Plan RFP update

6. Pine Ridge Ditch discussion

7. Approval of the Bills

8. Rate increases Concerns- D West 1 and 2

9. Public Comment

10. Adjourn

4.Financials, Billing, Insurance, Premium Credit Requests, etc.

Source and Supply: Final Acquisition of Animas-La Plata Project Allocation for 25 af of depletion (50 af supply) will be March 20th, 2023.

At the ALP OMR board meeting there was mutual consensus this year that pass through pumping was acceptable. At the Pine Ridge Ditch meeting with Seth, the ditch rider explained that the cottonwoods have grown and they would need to be cut down because ripping them out would cause seepage and loss. Seth will take the staff out in April to show them the problem areas on the ditch so the staff has working knowledge.

The lake is at an estimated 789acre feet or 4.5ft from spillway.

Tom Vanderleest at 335 Gulch Rd in Rafter J is requesting rate relief for a leak he discovered in February. Mr. Vanderleest was prompt in getting the water line repaired and has never had any issues with leaks or paying his bills in the past. Mike R voted for Tier 1, Jeff 2nd, Approved.

Durango West 2 is requesting a credit for May 2022 since they had to conserve water during the time LDWA was fixing its pump at the plant. This was a verbal agreement from Doug to Jane so Im unsure what was promised. (Board said they did not want to credit the acquisition charge, and Derek Ryter stated that D west 2 was not shutdown- it was voluntary to conserve

water. Ward Holmes will talk with Jane to get more information and it can be discussed and voted on next month). Mike R made a motion to review and change Bylaw section 3.8 –Board President has the same voting rights as the other board members.

Treatment: Water Production for February was 5,934,100 gallons. The new pressure transducers installed have the plant running more efficiently resulting in using less “pac” coagulant. The new screens for filter 2 are being made at Cal Steel and will be ready in 2 months. We ordered waste gate gaskets and a waste gate actuator solenoid from West Tech so we can install those on filter 2. Chris ordered check valves for waste wells to support additional backwash flow.

Chris started the quote process for raw water flow calibration so far rust quoted \$4000. The Compressor is having circuit protection problems so Phillips electric is coming to evaluate and see if they can rewire the compressor.

Distribution: Trappers Crossing tank needs to be refurbished so Riley Industries is working on a bid along with All Kote lining out of Tempe Arizona. Out of 5 companies that were contacted Riley and All Kote are the only ones actively sending us quotes and communicating. “Charlie stated look at a smaller tank so you have faster water use and better chlorine residuals”. “A smaller tank will work cause you only have 20 houses to support”.

Distribution list from operators:

1. Rebuilt small pump at Shenandoah
2. Ordered pump saver from lane electric for rafter J backup pump
3. Installed new pump in Lake Durango pump house to increase volume to customers
4. Replaced pump in browns lake pump house due to bad motor, used lake Durango pump house for older pump
5. Bought new motor for old browns lake pump and started the replacement process, had to order a new seal to complete this repair. Once repaired pump will be installed in Shenandoah Drive pump house to replace broken pump at that location
6. Plowed a ton of snow.
7. Had the other locking hub replaced and had Auto Pro fix things they missed on last service visit.
8. Ordered VFDs from Lane electric for the new pump arrangement
9. Ordered finish water distribution pump from water tech group 12-16 week build time
- 10 Had all American tech team evaluate the installation requirements of the new pump for quote on install, no quote received at this time.
- 11 plowed some more snow
- 12 Quoted new tank for trappers (\$111,000) from National storage tank Inc
- 13 Rebuilt small trash pump

5. Capital Improvements Plan RFP—SEH/ Paul O’Neil called and stated that they are not overwhelmed anymore and if the CIP project is out for bid again, they are interested. Plummer sent a CIP proposal that covered lots of information already covered in the 2011 Master Plan by Russell Engineering. The Plummer proposal has lots of information that has previously been covered and for \$77,712 this bid amount seems very high. Charlie Smith offered an in house improvement plan using Harris Engineering for items such as regulatory analysis and treatment. The in house CIP would be a fraction of Plummer’s proposal and we could finish in 1-2 months where Plummer could take 6 months to complete. (Charlie talked about PFAS and said we should reach out to Russ with ALP to see if they are testing for PFAS). (Mike R stated that he agreed with Charlie, that in house CIP could save the authority 50,000 because most of the work has already been done back in 2011 with Russell Engineering).

6. Pine Ridge Ditch discussion- Adam Reeves wants to know if the South West Water Conservancy District purchases ALP water, will LDWA trade their Pine Ridge Ditch Water rights for the ALP water? Is one source of water better than 2? Also we have a contract with Mary Austin until 2029 where she owns a portion of the Pine Ridge Ditch water rights. This trade had been brought up in years past and seems to fade away. “Mike R and Tom Brossia stated we should buy more storage water out of Nighthorse for the future demand”. Tom B said dual source is a safer bet than to solely rely on one source which is Nighthorse. “Charlie spoke about meeting with Matt, Kirk Russell and Laura Spann about purchasing CWCB storage water from Nighthorse but its \$3500 per AF and maybe we can get a grant”. “Tom B stated we should keep two sources because if Nighthorse is ever contaminated we can rely on the ditch to get by”.

7. Approval of the Bills – Bill.com report to follow. Mike R, Jeff W 2nd, Approved.

8. Rate increases Concerns—Janet Anderson from Durango West 1 and Jane Looney from Durango West 2 are not in favor of the rate increases and wondered if LDWA could give bulk customers more time or delay a percentage of the rate increase spread out over 2023. Both districts think LDWA should hold off on certain capital improvements so they don’t have to raise rates. Mike R can expand on the other districts point of view. “Mike R said the districts had their budgets already finished when LDWA issued new rates in January when they should have been notified back in December”. “Mike R stated that if the rates are increasing the districts need ne be notified prior to their budget being adopted in November”. “Ward made it very clear that the districts (1 and 2) asked for a meeting to discuss rates and Ward (President of LDWA) was intentionally not invited”. “Ward also stated the LDWA budget hearing was publicly posted and the districts did not attend”. “Tom B said LDWA cannot hold off on rates and Capital projects anymore because its risky, we could have a major break tomorrow, getting by is not good enough”. “Janet A from D west 1 said the CIP list seems very long and wondered if some projects could be held off so the rates would not have to be increased”? “Tom B stated we are behind on maintenance and projects need to keep moving forward”. “Charlie stated all the tanks exteriors should be repainted if we don’t expand the clearwell”. “Ward stated the rates discussion will be tabled to next month since Chuck was gone, no vote could happen”.

“Ward also wants the DOLA grant and treatment pumps update next month”. Table the rates discussion next month Ward, Mike R 2nd. Approved.

9. Public Comment

10. Adjourn 6:25pm