

Draft Minutes 5/18/2023

1. Call to Order 5:15pm

Board in Attendance: Ward, Jeff, Tom, Mike R and Chuck.

Staff Present: Matt, Tim, Charlie

Visitors: Michael Wasson Rafter J, Janet Anderson Durango West 1 Metro.

2. Approval of the Agenda. Ward, Mike 2nd.

3. Approval of 4/20/2023 Meeting Minutes. Chuck, Jeff 2nd.

4. General Managers Report: Administration, 2022 Audit update, Source, Treatment Water System.

5. Capital Improvements update

6. Approval of the Bills

7. Public Comment

8. Adjourn 6:25PM

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

Water production for April was 5, 576,780.

We filed an extension for the 2022 audit and hope to have it completed by Haynie and Company in late July. Whitney Rosenfeld (Haynie) has been updated and even if she does not handle our audit she told us she would help get a coworker familiar with our books.

Michael Killion on 90 Arapahoe Drive had a shower head brake off and water ran for over a month in his vacation rental. Kelly notified the owner for hi usage (300,000 gallons) calling his listed number and then emailing him twice before he replied. We notified the owner that his usage was very hi (\$22,000) and that we had turned the water off. The neighbor discovered the leak and had repairs made so Chris and Matt turned the water back on with the neighbor present to make sure the house was in good standing. Michael is asking for relief because he thinks his bill is too large and he can't pay it. --After much discussion on this large water leak the board agreed that Tier 1 premiums are normal but this owner needs to keep track of his usage better and communicate with the office during emergencies. **The board also stated that if this happens again and the homeowner does not stay involved he will pay full cost.** Chuck approved Tier 1 premiums, Tom 2nd, approved.

Source and Supply: Reservoir projection is 1020AF and 3 inches approximately from spill. Per Jeff Titus (Water Commissioner) we topped off the lake and will have a chance to refill in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Titus told us there is no reason to have the lake spill and waste any water when it can be diverted down south to other users. For April and May combined we have received 211 AF giving the staff a chance to understand how much water the ditch can

deliver. This also gave us a chance to work with the ditch rider and adjust the CFS and diversion box.

Early May we wired a payment of \$61,000 to Colorado Water Resources and Power Development to repay a portion of the loan for the acquisition of the water company. A payment every May has been made since 2009 and the remainder of the balance is \$586,000.

CHC Engineering contacted the office about the possibility of integrating into the distribution system if they build 20 new homes on Seabiscuit Lane and Vaquero way. So far the engineer has met with the Fire department and is trying to see what costs are associated with supplying homes with 1000 gallons per minute for 2.5 hours if a fire started. Matt and Tim met with Clayton(CHC) and we expressed the need for them to install a vertical tank to supply the new homes. If hydrants are needed (every 150ft) and they need to deliver 1000 gpm per the Fire Department the developer will have to install their own system.

The City of Durango (Justin Elkinson) is moving forward with the raw water pipeline project from Nighthorse up to college mesa treatment plant. Its in the early stages of planning and updating all the stakeholders within the city, county and both the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Tribes.

Tim and Chris work Performed list-

- Copper sulfate lake –treat lake for algae
- Screens in filter 1 installed
- Red Valves in filter 1 installed
- Browns hill coming to calibrate flow meters
- Browns hill offering quote for new scada/plc soon
- New CL17 failed and installed replacement from Hach
- Monitored Amber and the ditch adjusted flow every day
- Met with parties about line extensions at Oak Dr and Deer trail
- Talked to Andrew Rice about changing record of approved water work for new pumps, also about how much they would increase clear well effective volume
- THM HAA and chlorite samples were taken and sent out
- Battled dirty water from the ditch, a few late-ish nights
- Tap at 969 meadow in Rafter J
- Talked with Jeff Titus about updating Lake level/spillway marks on staff gauge and tow drain.
- Titus advised us to let amber spill when taking ditch water to keep it full
- Ordered Chlorite

Treatment: The guys have been monitoring the plant after hours because the runoff has created higher turbidity levels. They have had to adjust the PAC levels and the backwash and flush timing to stay in compliance with the state accepted levels.

Distribution: Trappers Crossing tank needs to be replaced so we have Mike Waggoner coming up to fix some old patches to make it through the next year. Trenton with National Tank gave a quote for \$45K to refurbish the tank and recoat the inside. We have been in contact with Benchmark in Farmington and Doughty steel tanks in Delta Colorado to get bids on a replacement tanks. Because the of the access road and labor shortage all companies have increased their prices and their project timelines. Both Benchmark and Doughty Steel have advised us to have a welded steel tank and do not go with a bolted steel tank with a glass liner. Both companies explained that the location of the tank in the shade against the hill side and the cold temperatures any tank with a seam (bolted steel) will not last. – *The board asked if a smaller tank was installed could we use another location since the current road is so small and narrow up to the Trappers tank? --Matt and Tim stated they could potentially look at another tank location where it was easier to access from Thunderbird Road giving more options for cranes and larger equipment to access the water tank site.*

5. Capital Improvements Update.

Charlie Smith has included a 3.8 million dollar improvement update. Tom approved the CIP and Mike R 2nd approved.

Charlie discussed the capital Improvement plan so it could be used in the new rate study. Charlie stated that you can prioritize and move projects around with thin the CIP but rather the board should approve and vote on an amount each year to spend (300K –400K). This way some years you may save money and use for a larger project the next year. This also gives staff the ability to move projects around based on priority as they see fit. For example if the lake is low one year that is a perfect time to dredge the lake forebay. –*Tom stated he did not want to miss out on any grants that could help with this large improvement plan. --Chuck stated we should hire someone who specializes in infrastructure grants so we do not miss out on opportunities and that person can spend the time and accounting to make sure the correct protocol is followed per project. Charlie stated we should reach out to Stacy Beough who has worked with CWCB in the past.*

6. Approval of the Bills – Bill.com report to follow. Tom, Mike R 2nd, approved.

7. Public Comment

Michael Wasson stated there is a leak in Rafter J and wanted to know when that might get repaired? Tim stated the small leak was coming from a pipe that is sleeved so we need to dig multiple holes because the leak may be above where the water is visible.

8. Adjourn 6:25pm