

Lake Durango Water Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 16, 2009

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President Peter Butler. Other Directors present were Vice President Ward Holmes, Treasurer Tom Brossia, Secretary Sharon Rader and Director Jeff Wagner. Recording Secretary Jenna Hutt and Attorney Bud Smith were also present. Former Board members Bob Woods and Janet Anderson and three system users were also present.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with additions noted below.

3. Approval of Minutes

Sharon made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2009 Regular Meeting. Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Title documents update

Tom and Bud met with Bob Johnson last week. Johnson agreed to the idea of personally insuring the easements as an alternative to getting title insurance on all of the easements. Bud will draft an agreement for the Board to review. Sharon suggested having a second attorney review the document, paid for by Durango West I. There are still some title issues that need to be resolved, including the access to Amber reservoir.

5. Progress on acquisition funding

The Wright Water study should be done by April 1st, and the Authority will be able to submit the loan application by April 15th so it could be reviewed at the May 1st meeting and get funding by the middle of June. The Water and Power Authority has a special program that just involves bridge loans. The Board will have to make some funding decisions in the beginning of April. Tom spoke with the USDA rural development manager about funding. There is no money for purchasing the entity, but there is possibly money for improvements to the system that put drinking water into people's houses.

6. Hiring General Manager Process

The subcommittee is meeting tomorrow to review the resumes.

7. Accounting firm update

Janet met with Gene today and will meet with the accountants after April 15th. There are six firms that will be part of the process.

8. Assistance to low-income users

Jeff went to La Plata Electric to get information on their program to assist low-income users. They do not have a program with different rates, but they donate to the LEEP fund which is a program that gives people assistance on their utilities. Jeff will find out from LEEP how they determine low-income assistance criteria.

9. Pine Ridge Ditch activities

Seth Rozic from Indian Shadows is the new Pine Ridge Ditch rider. The ditch payment should get paid.

10. Public comments or questions

A member of the public had a question about the credit due to him on his water bill. The Board directed him to get the matter resolved with LDWC before the sale goes through.

- A resident came to discuss a tap transfer. The Authority does not own the system, so the Board recommended the resident do the tap transfer before the Authority owns the system. The Authority does not currently have a policy on tap transfers but most public companies do not allow it.
- The Board discussed applying for an extension for the DOLA grant. Ward will send a letter to Ken Grant notifying him that the Authority is requesting an extension.
- Janet has received a copy of the LDWC fourth quarter reports that were sent to the PUC.
- There will be a special meeting on the fourth Thursday (March 26) at the Durango West 1 office.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Sharon Rader
Secretary