

## 3/18/21 Minutes

### 1. Call to Order – 5:20 pm

The meeting was held via Zoom. Directors present: Ward Holmes, Jeff Wagner, Chuck Stevens, Tom Brossia, and Michael Roussin. General Manager Charlie Smith, LDWA attorney Bud Smith, LPWWA President Mardi Gebhardt, and LPWWA attorney Amy Huff were also present.

### 2. Approval of Agenda –The Agenda was approved.

### 3. Approve 2/18/21 Minutes – Tom, moved to approve the 2/18/21 minutes, Mike second, Approved.

### 4. Trappers Crossing Taps.

The Board reaffirmed its position that taps cannot be transferred outside of the subdivision for which they were originally assigned. The Board directed Bud Smith to draft a response to Marla Underell's letter that requested the transfer of taps originally designated for Trappers Crossing outside of the Trappers Crossing subdivision.

### 5. La Plata West Service Area Adjustment

LPWWA requested a service area boundary adjustment to service 4 parcels at the end of Miramonte Dr. LPWWA would run a main down from CR141 to reach the parcels and use USDA funding for the project. LDWA servicing the properties would require the owners to share the cost of 4,500' of 3" water line extension across Shalako Canyon, estimated cost \$150,000, possibly higher due to rock in the area.

Chuck moved to approved a service areas adjustment with LPWWA for the four lots at the end of Miramonte Dr. LPWWA shall draft an amendment to the LPWWA LDWA Agreement for final approval by the Board. Tom 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved.

### 6. General Managers Report

#### Financials, Billing, Insurance, etc.

Balance Sheet and Budget Performance reports for February were reported. Rafter J water sales are estimated. Electrical expense is over budget due to less solar production in the winter and increased electric at Lake Durango tank for THM stripping.

Audit field work is scheduled for April 13, staff have begun working on the pre audit requests.

Tom moved to approve a Merchant Agreement with Allpaid that will enable customers to pay their bills more easily with credit card, with no cost to the Authority. Customer will pay 2.65% fee, Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved.

Tom moved to approve the quote to switch the Asyst billing software over to a cloud based platform. Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved.

#### Source and Supply –

The lake volume is approximately 784 acre-feet. The Reservoir projection assumes no La Plata River water in 2021 and 2022. The Board directed Charlie to pump additional water after it is purchased by from ALPWCD on March 19 until the end of the month to take advantage of water stored in Lake Nighthorse prior to the ALPOMR water year which begins April 1.

The annual Pine Ridge Ditch Co. meeting was held on March 9, Tom, Tim G. and Charlie attended via zoom.

An ALPOMR Annual Water Operations Plan workshop is scheduled for March 22.

Neighboring property owners Eden requested that the Authority to supply a letter to customers stating that the lake is off limits without permission of the property owners bordering the lake.

Charlie provided a draft letter that states that, excluding the dam, the property around Lake Durango and all access to the lake is private.

Mike moved to approve the IXOM SolarBee Service Program renewal for a 3 year term, Tom 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved.

## **Treatment**

February water production was 6,776,000 gallons.

One old finished water pump was removed. Boyer Seeley is preparing a quote for a pump that will be used for DOVE compliance.

## **Distribution**

February water sales were approximately 3,300,000 gallons. Charlie was contacted about placing an antenna at the Rafter J tank site for broadband service again, he asked the provider to put together a proposal which included compensation to the Authority.

### **7. ALPWCD Water Purchase**

Closing for the annual ALPWCD water purchase is scheduled for 3/19.

### **8. Shenandoah Tank Recoating and THM Stripping**

The Shenandoah tank recoating was completed on 3/12 (a full week after scheduled completion,) after two days of drying the tank refilling began on 3/15. There was a short water outage for customers on the north side of Ute Junction Cr. on 3/2 when service was transferred to the temporary storage tank.

LPEA easement agreements have been given to property owners Larry Riggs and the Hutchison sisters, the Hutchisons are requesting a survey for the easement route. The route is up the steep hill south of the tank. LPEA and Accurate Backhoe are adjusting their quotes for the service based in the new route.

ALPWCD awarded a grant of \$85,000 to the Authority for THM stripping in Shenandoah tank (\$41,800) and engineering and installation of an auto flush hydrant in Long Hollow (\$43,200.)

### **9. DOVE Compliance, DOLA Grant Application.**

Charlie prepared a grant application requesting for \$75,000 for DOVE compliance which has been submitted to DOLA. The request is for 50% of the increased CT volume cost but all DOVE compliance expenses- are included to demonstrate a higher match amount \$169,500.

### **10. Approval of Bills – Mike moved to approve the bills included in the check detail , Tom 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved**

### **11. Public comments or Questions – There were no questions or comments.**

### **12. Adjourn 6:00pm.**