

LDWA Minutes 11/16/2023

1. Call to Order: 5:08PM

Board Present: *Ward Holmes, Tom Brossia, John Gallup*

Excused Prior: *Jeff Waggoner, Mike Roussin*

Staff Present: Tom Graham, Chris Moore, Matt Nesbitt

Visitors: Beverly D West 2, Janet Anderson D West 1, Joe Whirry Rafter J resident

2. Approval of the Agenda. *Tom approved, John 2nd.*

3. Approval of 10/19/2023 Meeting Minutes. *Tom approved, John 2nd.*

4. Budget Hearing 2024- *No Corrections or changes*

5. General Managers Report: Administration, Rate Relief, Source, Treatment Water System, Trappers Tank Update.

6. Approval of Bills.

7. Public Comment.

8. Adjourn. 6:04PM

4. 2024 Budget Hearing.

See attached.

5. Financials, Billing, Insurance, etc.

Water production for October was 6,280,200 million gallons and we estimate the lake is at 808 acre feet. We did make some chemical purchases because we're worried about running out of pac during the holiday season and waiting on reliable shipping companies. We also can see how the large amount of snow last winter really reduced our overall (last 10 months) sales in April May and June.

Rate Relief Request:

The Donaldson's are requesting rate relief after multiple months trying to track down an irrigation leak. The Donaldson's were made aware that there must be a leak on their property but could not find the location and needed assistance from the irrigation company. The Donaldson's noticed that their trees and landscaping were struggling during the dry summer and that the drip system was not keeping up. Turns out the low pressure drain caps were not installed causing the water to drain out the line instead of spray out/mist. The Donaldson's found the two irrigation lines did not have the correct pressure caps installed for the summer causing water to wastefully drain out. The problem was resolved but unfortunately this leak ran for four months wasting 197,000 gallons. ***Board did not understand why the resident let the leak go on for so many months. Board decided no rate relief currently, unless the resident can produce records or invoices for the repairs made on the irrigation system (after 4 months of knowing there was an issue). Board decided that the residents need to produce paperwork for any relief and ultimately the residents should try and collect from the irrigation company. Since the irrigation company did not install the parts correctly the resident should try and get compensation from them not the water provider. Matt will talk with the residents and explain***

the boards view and see what documentation they (Donaldson's) can produce to further discuss rate relief if any.

Source and Supply:

Dave Marsa received the parts that were backordered for the Nighthorse booster pump (VFD fans). The plan since he is taking over all pumping responsibilities is to meet with La Plata West Water Authority and Russ Howard (ALPOM&R) to go over reporting procedure. Then Dave will work with Tim and Chris to go over proper procedure on running the Nighthorse pump and get a feel for the operation. We want to make sure all parties involved are up to speed and the reporting is followed properly since we have very strict Bureau of Reclamation reporting requirements.

Tim and Chris work Performed list-

Greased Toe drain on lake

Dam inspection with state inspector Matt Gavin

Met with 925 Ridge Road to discuss road maintenance up to the Rafter J Tank

Met with Lazano's on Wildcat road to discuss the last items for the line extension (still waiting on easement and survey before tap can be installed-staff explained this in May)

Read Meters

Work with homeowner at 477 King MNT Rd on meter installation near our underground tank (new home build)

Had Meeting with State Engineer (Andrew Rice) for pump

Got approval from the state so American Technical Team will be installing the new pump in the Plant

Solar Bee serviced

Shenandoah Residents want to reduce noise from the blower on Tank- Looking into sound barriers

Pressure switch installed in Lake Durango Pump House

Trappers Tank patched and welded

Tried to locate Hawskill water lines for LPEA boring project- many miles of locates and hydro vac pot holes(**Tim and Chris have spent days doing locates for this project**).

Browns Hill installed new antenna and conduit for SCADA/ pump PLC

Treatment:

Filter 2 has been working really hard trying to filter the turbid water from the lake turning over. With the colder temperatures from the lake and the dirty spring runoff water from the ditch it takes longer to treat the water (contact time in clear well). We also do not want to speed up the process by using lots of chemicals (bad taste= complaints).

6. Approval of the Bills – Bill.com report to follow

7. Public Comment.

Beverly stated she had no questions she just wanted to stay in the loop so she could report back to her board. She also stated we should charge more on large leaks since it puts a strain on the entire system.

Janet had no questions for the board, she just wanted to ask Tim and Chris about VFD's for the D West 1 Pump.

Joe Whirry asked the board if they could work something out with his account since he has not used water in years but his monthly charges kept adding up after a usage dispute years ago. Joe asked that the board work out a payment plan so he could pay off his balance and then start using water again. The board decided to move forward on a payment plan plus the additional usage per month. Chris stated he needs to install a shutoff valve on his cistern if he wishes to turn off his water after the cistern is full. Joe agreed to the shutoff valve and the payment plan.

8. Adjourn.

6:04PM