

Draft Minutes 2/16/2023

1. Call to Order 5:15PM

Directors Present: Tom Brossia, Jeff Wagner, Chuck Stevens, Ward Holmes(Zoom), Mike Roussin(Zoom). Staff: Matt Nesbitt, Chris Moore, Tim Graham, Charlie Smith(Zoom), Chris Kramer (Zoom).

Resident: Tom Phelps D West 1 Board Member.

2. Approval of Agenda: Ward, Chuck 2nd, approved.

3. Approval of 1/19/2023 Minutes: Chuck approved, Tom 2nd, minutes approved.

4. General Manager's Report

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

January 2023 Water Sales are \$14,000 over Budget, January 2023 Operating Expenses \$2,431.25 over budget. We had a few issues with ASAP payroll not paying Tim Graham's bonus correctly, Kelly Odells HSA account number was entered wrong and Matt Nesbitt's last paycheck was \$300 over what should have been processed. ASAP has fixed Tim and Kelly's issues and Matt will follow up so they have the correct spreadsheets and take a cut in the next pay period.

Rate Relief Request- Jim Molick who lives out state but is more or less a guardian of an elderly resident at 85 Blue Ridge is requesting relief for a leak on a frost free hydrant. The Resident at 85 Blue Ridge has passed away and Mr. Molick would like to settle the bills and sell the property. The property has not had any rate relief in the past and Mr. Molick would like to respectfully ask for assistance (\$509.61 bill). Tier 1 payment sum of \$279.36 Tom, Chuck 2nd, for Mr. Molick approved.

Source and Supply: ALPWCD issued a letter outlining the details of the Agreement for the Seventh (Final) Acquisition of Animas-La Plata Project Allocation for 25 AF of depletion (50 AF supply). Once all the necessary signatures are collected the anticipated closing will be March 20th, 2023. The lake is at an estimated 813 acre feet. Tom B said we should wait because technically we do not need to pay for the remaining 50 AF until May. Matt will look into this because this could be a decision for the ALP board to make.

Treatment: Water Production for January was 7,623,530 Gallons. Calsteel is making clarifier screens out of aluminum not stainless steel so we can rebuild filter #1 and save some money in the long run. We received pressure transducers for the backwash system so we can have accurate data on flush cycles. We received quotes for the finish water pumps from Arvada Pump Company, Water Technologies and Boyer Seeley (Quotes provided at board meeting). Chlorine and "pac" have been delivered right before our last storm so we got very lucky. Phillips Electric installed additional outlets in the plant so we

can hook up additional gauges. The operators will be installing our pressure transducers and chlorine analyzers so we can better track the data.

Distribution: Lots of snow removal in January so the plow truck needed a new locking hub so the 4wheel drive worked. Trappers Crossing tank still has a minor leak so the operators plugged it but we will have to wait for warmer weather to weld the new patch.

Tim mentioned that refurbishing the Trappers tank could cost just as much to replace it. Tom B mentioned that the Trappers tank has had issues for years and that patching and welding it over and over has just got us by but it needs to be replaced.

5. Capital Improvements Plan RFP--Sent to Goff Engineering, SEH Engineering, Plummer Engineering, SGM Engineering, and Harris Water. Some Engineering firms may need more time to go over the RFP because we found one engineering firm did not have all the attachments from the initial RFP email.

6. Approval of the Bills: Tom, Jeff 2nd , approved.
– Bill.com report to follow. (print out on table).

7. Rate increases Concerns-- Mardi Gebhardt with La Plata West, Jane Looney from Durango West 2 and Janet Anderson from Durango West 1 are not in favor of a rate increase until we have a new rate study completed. They have expressed great concern with the % 15 rate increases in monthly charges and the %15 increase in base fees. They feel that if rates increase they should be able to plan ahead and let residents know “6 month in advance” (Jane Looney). Matt informed the board that he had only heard from the bulk customer and none of the retail customers had called into with issues on the new rates.

8. Public Comment

Tom Phelps (D west 1 Board member) spoke about how the districts did not get enough notice on rate increases for 2023 and asked if the rates could be phased in over the year? Tom understood that inflation and all operating expenses have risen but he did not want his residents blindsided and wondered if we could phase in the increase over the year? Charlie spoke about how the rate increases were discussed and approved in November’s meeting when the board adopted the budget. Mike Roussin told the board he was under the impression that the rate increases and all the capitol improvements were needed by the state for compliance. Mike R said if we can hold off on the list of improvements we should phase in the rate increases over the year starting in June with %7.5 and then phase in the rest of the remainder over the course of the year to reach the %15 rate increases. Mike R wanted to allow the districts more time to notify the residents so everyone was aware of the new increase to their water bill. Ward asked if we have a motion to defer the rate increase and allow the districts more time to notify their residents. There was no 2nd so the motion died. Chris Kramer asked Tim if the clearwell expansion could be held off since the THM problem had resolved itself over the winter. Tim stated with the clearwell expansion and Filter #1 coming back online this summer we would have better contact time. There would be a longer period of time for the water to

mix in with the chlorine giving us better PH levels and increased compliance. Tim stated we are at 170 GPM but if we jump up to 200 GPM because of a massive water leak(have to increase pumping levels to fill tanks) we would be out of compliance. Tim also stated on the expensive side of things that if the media in Filter 1 may need to be replaced because the sample he took (parts per million) does not give us a definitive answer.

Tom B stated that “many improvements must be done this year because last year not a lot got done”. Tom B also stated that inflation has made many items more expensive and the longer we wait to increase rates and start projects will only cost more in the future. Tom B stated that the improvements need to get done so they we stay in compliance with CDPHE.

9. Adjourn: 6:39PM