

## **Agenda Items and GM Report/ Minutes 4/20/2023**

### **1. Call to Order 5:12PM**

**Board Members Present:** Ward Homes, Jeff Wagener, Tom Brossia, Chuck Stevens, Mike Roussin. **Visitors:** Adam Reeves LPWCD, Michael Wasson Rafter J, Janet Anderson D West 1, Wayne Schrader D west 2. **Staff:** Tim Graham, Chris Moore.

### **2. Approval of the Agenda. Jeff, Tom 2<sup>nd</sup> approved.**

### **3. Approval of 3/16/2023 Meeting Minutes.** Tom, Mike R as long as we update section 3.8 Bylaws for the Board President to Vote the same as other Board members. 2<sup>nd</sup> approved

### **4. General Managers Report: Administration, Source, Treatment Water System, 2021 Audit.**

### **5. Capital Improvements update**

### **6. Pine Ridge Ditch discussion—Adam Reeves**

### **7. Approval of the Bills**

### **8. Rate increases Concerns- D West #1 and #2/Credit**

### **9. Public Comment**

### **10. Adjourn**

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

**Source and Supply:** (72 af of runoff as of april 20<sup>th</sup>) Reservoir projection is 850AF and 2.6 ft from spillway. We expect if we stay at 6cfs of runoff the Lake will reach the spillway in 14 days. The guys put sandbags along the ditch above the Lake Durango Flume because the Amber ditch was spilling so we opened the toe drain. The Pine Ridge Ditch is still iced up so we think in May we will see it start to flow once temperatures warm up.

David Bowen has decided to help LDWA with accounting and is in the process of looking over quikbooks and bank statements. David has lots of experience with accounting needs for utilities and HOA's so we feel he will be a great fit. We reached out to other companies (Rachel Gilman, ASAP, Holder Financial and Maynes) but they said they were short staffed and not available until the fall.

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. A site visit on April 21<sup>st</sup> will shed more light on the project to see if its possible.

AJ Construction has asked to use a hydrant to fill their water truck during road projects this summer at Trappers Crossing, Shenandoah and South Lakeside Drive. They have lost the ability to fill at Bodo and would like to figure out usage rates if possible. "Chuck stated the city does not allow commercial users to use hydrants to fill anymore so we could fill a void". "Ward and

Mike stated we should have the purchase price at \$15 a 1000 gallons so they pay more than the retail customers”.

Grant EIAF 9360 was amended by Dola until October 2024 so we have \$75000 matching funds for instrumentation and gauges designated to upgrade the plant.

At the ALP OMR board meeting (April 6<sup>th</sup>) Chairman Frost explained he would be stepping down and Peter Ortego (Ute Mnt Ute Tribe) will be the new chair starting in May 2023. Also Justin Elkinson (City of Durango) had a presentation on how the city would like to build a pipeline from Lake Nighthorse up to College Mesa( 276 AF of storage-3 days of supply) where the treatment plant is located for the City of Durango. Currently the Florida watershed feeds the city of Durango but if there is a wildfire or any other possibility of contaminating that water supply the City wants a plan B. The Tribes were briefed on this project and were not pleased because they believe a pipeline will disturb burial grounds harming their ancestors.

Henry J. Kaim who lives on 45 Mayday lane had a leaking toilet over the winter while they were out of town. Henry has been a good customer and has no prior issues or relief requests in the past. Tom Brossia helped with the repair and Henry is requesting rate relief. Tier 1 rate Ward, Mike R 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved.

#### **Tim and Chris work Performed list-**

Installed tap at 255 colonial lane

Went over treatment plant with Charlie for capital improvement plan(redundancy)

Installed New CL-17 (chlorine analyzer)Talked with Andrew Rice about adding the new pumps to the record of approved water works and how the new pump locations will affect the Contact time/baffling factor

Sampled for Phalates (missed sample last 2 yrs. sampled early in case something goes wrong and we can redo)

Installed new motor minder at RJ pump house for backup pump

Trouble shoot motor minder at the Deer Valley pump house

Fixed issue with Shenandoah Scada

Replace Shenandoah drive booster pump (backup)

Repair leak at Thunderbird and Heritage - most likely hire/rent a hydro vac (other utilities are present in the leak area)

Observe algae growth in lake and potentially dose with copper sulfite (in May)

Replace non functioning radios

Met with Browns Hill engineering about calibrating raw water flow meters, and new instrumentation/meters

Install check valves on filter backwash effluent lines

**Treatment:** Water Production for February was 6,638,300 gallons. The new screens for filter 1 have been fabricated by CalSteel and need to be installed.

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 timing to stay in compliance with the state accepted levels.

Chris started the quote process for raw water flow calibration so far rust quoted \$4000. The Compressor was having issues so Phillips electric was able to rewire the compressor so it stopped burning out fuses.

**Distribution:** Trappers Crossing tank needs to be refurbished so Riley Industries from Farmington New Mexico gave us an initial bid for \$60,000 and after the site visit will have to update the bid. Pittsburg Tanks from Henderson Kentucky sent us a quote for \$117,000 to refurbish the tank and we are responsible for discarding the old materials and also any dirt work that must be performed. "Tom does not want to waste money on repairs but rather spend the money on a new tank that will last longer".

#### **5. Capital Improvements Update.**

Charlie Smith is obtaining new tank quotes and also tank refurbishment bids. This will help in the planning of future projects and creating a replacement timeline so we can hopefully avoid major disasters. Quoted new tank for trappers (\$112,364) from Contain Water System Inc. National Storage Tank INC quoted (\$111,198) plus dirt work fees.

**6. Pine Ridge Ditch discussion-** Adam Reeves wants to know if the South West Water Conservancy District purchases ALP water, will LDWA trade their Pine Ridge Ditch Water rights for the ALP water? Is one source of water better than 2? Also we have a contract with Mary Austin until 2029 where she owns a portion of the Pine Ridge Ditch water rights. This trade had been brought up in years past. One question might be will they pay for 304 AF of water that the ditch provides on a heavy snow year? "Erik Bikis stated that LDWA would have more consistent water if they made a trade with LPWCD instead of wandering if the ditch would produce". "Chris Moore asked if the trade went through, if the Nighthorse water was contaminated would LPWCD let LDWA have a portion of the pine ridge ditch if there was an emergency, Adam said yes". "Adam presented the case that the ditch did not have consistent AF averages year to year and trading rights LDWA would not have to bother with the ditch maintenance". Adam presented his case and asked if anyone had questions to please reach out.

**7. Approval of the Bills** – Bill.com report to follow. Mike , Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> approved.

## **8. Rate increases Concerns and Credit-**

Durango West 1 and 2 have voiced concerns on raising rates for 2023 so the board needs to vote on enforcing the new rates or if they want to establish a ladder percentage approach. "Mike R said per the statute for notice regulations we should work with D West 1 and 2 since they did not have proper notice for the rate increase. Also Mike R stated we should treat our bulk customers well and moved for a credit on the January, February and March rate increase". Ward motioned to credit the first quarter rate increase for 2023, Mike R, Ward, Jeff all voted yes, Chuck abstained since he was absent for the March meeting.

Durango West 2 is requesting a credit for May 2022 so Ward contacted Jane Looney for more information. Ward can brief us on their discussion so the board can decide if they get any type of credit for May of 2022. "Ward spoke with Jane and told her that Doug did not have authority to credit D west 2 for May of 2022". "Chuck wanted to know at what level did D west 2 have to conserve water? Lightner Creek mobile home park has zero water currently and D west 2 did not have to stop using". "Chuck requested more information to present their case so we don't set a precedent to anyone requesting a credit". The board asked Wayne(D West 2 Board member) to speak about the credit but he could not expand on the issue. The LDWA board has asked the D west 2 board to come and present their case at the next monthly meeting for the May 2022 requested credit.

## **9. Public Comment**

## **10. Adjourn 6:41PM**