

Minutes LDWA Board Meeting 9/21/2023

1. Call to Order 5:11PM Ward Holmes

Board Present: Ward Holmes, Jeff Waggoner, Tom Brossia, Mike Roussin.

Excused: John Gallup.

Staff Present: Matt, Chris, Tim.

Visitors: MH Wasson Rafter J, Beverly Lawrence Durango West 2.

2. Approval of the Agenda. Approved Jeff, Mike 2nd.
3. Approval of 8/17/2023 Meeting Minutes. Approved Mike R, Tom 2nd.
4. General Managers Report: Administration, Rate Relief, Source, Treatment Water System, Trappers Tank Update.
5. Capital Improvements update, Grant Writer, Engineer.
6. Approval of Bills. Approved Tom Brossia, Jeff Waggoner 2nd.
7. Public Comment.
8. Adjourn. 6:09pm

4. Financials, Billing, Insurance, etc.

Water production for August was 7,961,600 gallons with an average per day of 256,825. The reservoir is projected to be around 833 AF by the end of the August. We are seeing consumption slowing down with the cooler temperatures but have done well with our retail and premium sales. Durango West 2 has started pumping again after using their wells all summer saving them from buying around 1 million gallons per month. The 2022 audit will be finished by the end of the month after a few more items from Haynie get figured out. **Tom stated he wanted to get the rate study moving after the 2022 audit was finished. Mike R stated he wanted to get the budget going so he could relay any increases to D west 1 so they can plan ahead and Budget for 2024.**

Rate Relief Request.

Cheryl and Cole Eden - 923 S. Lakeside are asking for rate relief for setting their sprinkler system on the wrong setting "too high". The Edens have been traveling almost every weekend for family matters and mistakenly set their sprinkler system to run for too long. The Edens have a good account history with no issues over 7 years so they are asking for some variance or relief on the \$1500 bill. **Mike R moved for Tier 1 relief, Jeff 2nd, approved.**

Tara Loyd at 167 Colonial Lane is requesting rate relief after a line leaked on their hot water heater. The line leaked during July and August and they did not notice until there was a damp smell and they discovered the leak in their crawl space. They called and had the plumber repair the line the following day but incurred extra charges for 2 months. **Tom moved for Tier 1 relief, Jeff 2nd, approved.**

Jim Goolsby at 304 Peak Trail Drive is requesting rate relief after his newly installed irrigation system failed and leaked. The leak was not noticeable in the thick vegetation so it went unnoticed until Mr. Goolsby viewed the large water bill. The landscaping company has made

repairs to the system and for the remainder of fall will have the system off. **Mike R motioned for tier 1, Tom 2nd, approved.**

Steven and Susan Usaitis at 782 are requesting rate relief after a water line in the house leaked for a few month unnoticed. Once they noticed the small leak they had the plumber repair it following day. The small leak lasted 2 months without any visible pooling or smell. **Jeff stated that they built and ADU(not sure the county is aware) and if they ever sell the house they will have to be grandfathered in. Tom motioned for tier 1, Mike R 2nd, approved.**

Source and Supply: Marsa is still waiting on pressure switches to arrive so we can pump Nighthorse water for LPWWA. LPWWA has used their allocated amount in lake Durango and we would like to refill the lake this fall. We are also currently having Bud Smith Look into the Three Party Agreement which defines the operating agreement for the LPWWA raw water conveyance system. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe wants LPWWA and their ORC to operate and maintain the intake structure, booster pump and the 210 pipeline. LDWA is fine with this as long as the maintenance protocol is realistic and not too expensive. Once we have our attorney look this over the LDWA board should also look over the agreement to make sure all parties are content.

Tim and Chris work Performed list-

Valves and hydrant replacement on Indian bend are working properly

Lost a lot of water out of Morningstar tank and went to investigate noticing water shooting out of a camper trailer at 621 Morningstar. Notified landlord of 30,000 gallons drained from tank.

Back flow test at plant and D West 1 line by Roseberrys plumbing.
Completed main line extension at 875 Deer Trail in Rafter J

Met with Mardi (LWWA) and Dave Marsa on future maintenance and operating Booster Pump station. Dave is ordering parts so we can pump and refill the LPWWA 17 AF.

Leak repair in Rafter J on Westfork- dug up road and replace old schedule 20 pipe

Leak repaired on Peaks Trail and Rendezvous

3 PLC quotes(BH, Water Technology and Filter Tech) and Brown Hill is the most cost effective and local choice **Unanimous from Board all in favor of Browns Hill.**

No progress on Filter 1 since we had multiple leaks that kept us all busy

Treatment: Plant is running smooth and had a nice break from running so hard in July. We still need to treat Amber reservoir before we drain it into Lake Durango which could be an

additional 40 AF to replenish the lake. With the last week and a half of rain we gained 11.38 AF but also changed turbidity levels a noticeable amount from the runoff.

Distribution:

After a discussion with Andrew Rice (state engineer) and Dave Henry with Harris water Engineering we are looking at a 1-2 year process to install a new tank at Trappers Crossing. The first step was finding a manufacturer that would work with us from start to finish and help with the install. Second after meeting with Harris water engineering and looking at the states model and design criteria, policy #5 (184 pages) we have specific items the state must approve. So we have our engineer tell the manufacturing engineer how to build the tank so its approved by the state engineer. I think we have 2 options, 1 we refurbish Trappers and fix all the holes while we go through all the proper steps of installing a new tank. 2, we do nothing to the old Trappers tank and risk a complete failure. Option 2 also exposes us to write ups from the state who has records of their site visits and tank health. I think option 1 is the safe choice and buys us time in case the new tank has set backs or the state changes design criteria mid year causing us further delays. The current estimate looks like the new Trappers tank could set us back \$225,000 to \$250,000 after civil engineering, concrete work on the new pad and install. **Mike and Tom asked if we could get a long tern rental auxiliary water tank hooked into the Trappers Tank in case we did have a failure. Matt will call and see if we have long tern rental program for auxiliary tanks (Riley industrial, DNR Tanks, Kohlhaas Tanks). Mike made a motion to get scheduled for next summer with Riley Industrial to refurbish the Trappers Tank in case we cant get an auxiliary tank rental. Jeff 2nd. Tom asked if the Ashmore site (easier location for heavy equipment and semi trucks to access) was still an option and Tim stated the hill side would have to be excavated and the water lines re routed but its possible. Matt said he would get and cost and more information to see if its an alternative.**

5. Capital Improvements Update.

Carrie Padgett (Harris water Engineering) has attached a memo on the state Revolving Fund to access potential Federal funding. Memo and flow chart is attached. **Tom stated CWCB had grants available for Raw water projects. Matt said he would look into it and Chris stated maybe we could get the forebay dredged or backwash ponds dredged. Tim stated we could use the grant to buy another solar bee for the Lake.**

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

7.Public Comment.

MH Wasson asked if resident at 199 Ridge who built a new house could get any type of discount on a water bill after extra excavation costs were incurred trying to tie into the main(wrong location) line while installing a new meter. Staff used Authority maps and communicated with prior staff on where the main line was located showing where to trench for new homeowner to dig up main line. Staff apologized for any extra excavation costs that occurred but LDWA does not discount future rates because a new build cost more than expected.

MH Wasson asked about the WestFork Road Leak repair and if it was fixed? Tim said yes. MH Wasson asked if we were going to fix the leak on the Far View Road where the pipe is located inside another pipe section, long story short yes its on our radar to fix. Tim said yes we want to fix it and we are aware but we need time to go after that leak and the pump house leak on west fork.

Beverly stated she and the D WEST 2 board would like to get updates when some of the capital improvement items were moving forward so they can updates residents.

8. Adjourn. 6:09PM