

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
LA PLATA WEST WATER AUTHORITY**

The Board of Directors of the La Plata West Water Authority held a regular meeting open to the public Wednesday, October 13th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hesperus Fire Station, located at 22868 Highway 140, Hesperus, CO 81326, and via FreeConferenceCall.com. In attendance were: Mardi Gebhardt, Frank Smith, Paul Gray, Barb McCall, Deb Flick, Aaron Preator, Kevin Mallow, Archie House Jr., Amy Huff (CLWL) at 7:58pm, Dave (SWWC Operator) left at 7:58pm.

Call to Order at 6:40 pm with a quorum.

Roll Call: See attendance above.

Approve Agenda: Additions include having Amy online at 8 pm for the Mediation item. A **MOTION** was made by Frank to approve the agenda as amended; second by Deb; all approved.

Site Update: Mardi reported that the contractor has notified us they are placing concrete on Friday to have a week to cure. Barb mentioned that the county may require a reinforcing inspection prior to concrete placement. Mardi will check with Joe (contractor).

Phase 1 Update

Operator's Report, hook-ups, CDPHE: Dave reported compliance value for DBP testing is 0.083 mg/l (running avg), with the MCL at 0.08 mg/l. Stirring the tank will help lower the THMs coming in from LDWA, and the cold weather will help lower both the THMs and DBPs. Also discussed the missing meter, flushing with the fire department, new tap at the Marvel Grange, purchase of parts for the new taps parts have been placed in the storage zircon. Deb asked Dave about budget items such as getting back into compliance on quality levels (stirrers, ventilation with a blower on the tank ceiling, solar powering these items, etc). Some of the budget appears in capital improvements for the tank.

210 Pipeline Culvert: Mardi update reporting that the contract with Canyon Construction was adjusted cost for pipe, and other details from the plans, Bartlett & West (B & W) share of this work was initially based on \$13,000 total cost, Kevin, Archie, and Bernadette concurred on the process as noted from the June 2018 meeting minutes. The breakdown will be applied after B & W pays their share of the cost. Canyon Construction will be asked to separate out the billing for indirect costs also. A **MOTION** was made by Kevin to negotiate with B & W at least half of the \$35,075 current cost to get the culvert work done; second by Frank; all approved.

Stolen Gate: Mardi reported that the San Juan County Sheriff has all the info on who stole the gate, and who had the gate in Aztec. We can now pick up the gate. Photos were provided by Paul of the tire tracks, etc. to the Sheriff, so they will pursue with La Plata County Sheriff, and the Montezuma County Sheriff since the thief resides in Cortez. Dave reported gate on tank road needs work also.

Phase 2 Update

Mardi reported that we should have more information from Colin in November, including the final PER and ER, and the letter that Frank is working on. After review of USDA, PER was deemed good, but needs to have the pressure requirements reworked. Where to go from here? Direct loan, grants, WUC enrollees campaign, cut back the system area, community surveys, campaigns for more infill are all items board members need to consider for the next step. Dave has some experience with grants for various systems. A loan program exists for utility entities that would involve a direct loan. Colin offers free grant help, so if we pursue his help we would be ready when other funding opportunities come in. Need PR for community outreach. Aaron to draw up a plan.

Comments and Communications

Board Members: Mardi reported that Judy Reider, on Long Lane, has a complaint about her road and fence not being repaired yet. WCC has not performed the warranty work. Jim Harper contacted Mardi to inquire about weed issue and seeding in the easement.

Guests:

Minutes Approval: A **MOTION** was made by Paul to accept the meeting minutes as revised of regular meeting September 8; second by Aaron, all approved. A **MOTION** was made by Paul to accept the minutes as presented of the Special Meeting September 23; second by Deb; all approved.

Inconsideration of Email vote for the September 23 meeting allowing Mardi and Frank to attend the mediation and settle of necessary and shall be included in the minutes. A **MOTION** was made to approve the vote and inclusion by Deb; second by Paul; all approved.

Financial reports: P&L Report & Accounts Receivable: Mardi reported ASAP reports were not ready.

- a) Budget Committee: Deb reported several meetings with committee members produced almost a complete budget, wanting to go to ALPWCD for a \$60,000 grant to pay back debt services, discussed other highlighted line items, several items bumped up with rising costs for supplies, electronics, office equipment, parts, tools, etc. Budget hearing will be posted for public notice at Amy's office and in the Durango Herald around 11/29/21 for one date.
- b) Bills not in consent agenda: Not applicable.
- c) Approve Consent agenda: A **MOTION** was made by Deb to accept the consent agenda; second by Aaron; all approved.

New & Old Business:

R&Rs recommendation from committee: tabled until next meeting due to committee unable to meet.

Mardi met with La Plata Water Conservation District yesterday, and is renominated and voted in again for another term on the board for LPWWA.

Executive Session for the purposes of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators pursuant to Report of Mediation 24-6-402(4)(e) C.R.S. A **MOTION** was made by Frank to enter the session at 8:00 pm; seconded by Deb; all approved. Session ended at 8:25pm.

A **MOTION** made by Aaron to proceed with a filing a complaint and sending B & W letter to WCC; second by Paul; all approved.

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Adjourned at 9:14pm with a **MOTION** made by Deb ; second by Aaron ; all approved. Next meeting November 10, 2021.
Respectfully submitted,



Barb McCall
LPWWA Board Secretary