

**MINUTES OF 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 on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. via [www.FreeConferenceCall.com](http://www.FreeConferenceCall.com). Attendees were: Mardi Gebhardt, Barb McCall, Deb Flick, Paul Gray, Archie House Jr., Frank Smith, Dave Marsa, Roy Horvath (7:09pm and left at 7:28pm), Paul joined by telephone at 7:30.

Call to Order at 6:45 pm by Mardi Gebhardt (no quorum met)

Roll Call: See list above

Approve Agenda: Changes included adding bulk water sale discussion, no engineering report this meeting, RPR budget change to accommodate debt service, and meter purchases. No action possible due to quorum not met.

Site work has commenced. Mardi gave update on location of septic field a little too close to ditch, drives and culverts are installed. Septic engineer is involved with contractor on reset of the field location.

Operator's Report: Dave Marsa reported on flushing and sampling. DBPs test results are showing higher now again that temperatures are rising. Dave asked board for pricing on flushing collection for bulk customers. Frank has suggested \$20 per 1000 gallons and presented a Commercial Service Utility Application for customers to obtain flushing waters for construction-type usage. "Flush Hydrant Form" contains basic rules. Non-potable statement, fees, and meter pricing discussion proceeded. Meters are about \$2500-\$3000 to purchase new. Customer trust may be an issue. \$35 fee would cover operator expenses and the paperwork time and tracking with \$25/ each 1000 gallons taken. Fees should be on the form. No action on this form yet. Mardi working with various requests for installations.

Roy Horvath is working on obtaining grant monies for the water dock. Roy Horvath submitted an application to Senator Bennet's & Hickenlooper's office for Earmark Funds. La Plata County Commissioners seem very interested. Costs of surrounding docks to be explored. PER will be ready this Friday, so the grant component will be the deciding factor. Roy emphasized the non-sustainability of the Community Spring as opposed to Lake Nighthorse due to weather outlook, groundwater dependence, etc. CDPHE revolving fund, and Eric Worker should be contacted. Roy will reach out to them.

Phase 1 210 Pipeline Culvert update: Mardi and Kevin to meet Jim Formea with BOR onsite to get an estimate from Canyon and a commitment to rectify.

Website upgrade: Mardi received a quote from Lindsey to revamp the website.

Phase 2 Update: No engineer's report, and PER will be ready at the end of the week. We will schedule a special meeting after review of the document.

Comments and Communications: Deb shared a communication regarding over-usage fee (the extra \$25.00 fee for the overage cost). Should be reviewed annually. Mardi received a call from Rusty Greer about cancelling his account and forfeiting initial monies. Rules and regs committee shall review and present to the board for a decision. Frank expressed concern over the negative slants and misrepresentation of our system on social media. Nan Altman (north of Breen building) sold to Michael Wussow and Mardi is working on transfer, other transfers on commitments and the Ph. 1 Rosenberry meter that was not used will be transferred. Fire Station hooked up now.

Minutes Approval: Approval of meeting minutes of April and both meetings in May: No action possible due to quorum not met.

Financial report: Mardi and Deb provided overview of accounts, an audit update, P & L report, accounts receivable, consent agenda expenditures (table attached), and the entities billed (but not in consent agenda). Mardi is working on a new line of credit at TBK bank, and she is working on RD Apply form for PER to USDA. Deb discussed her tally of paying versus non-paying accounts. Certified mail letter to be sent to get attention of problem accounts was presented for board comment. Consent agenda will be approved next meeting, but the resolution allows for paying the bills as needed.

Old and new business in progress

- a) Water User Agreement (new version) for transfers and new installations: presented by Mardi from Paul and her revisions: No action due to no quorum. Mardi may need to use this form prior to board approval at the next meeting. This document will become part of a manual for board members.
- b) Mardi is putting a meter order together from quotes from GJ Pipe for board approval next meeting.
- c) R&Rs recommendation from committee: Barb to finish draft from committee for board review.
- d) WCC reply for executive discussion: WCC report they sent an envelope to the PO BOX addressed to the BOD, however the package was returned to them and not forward to us. They resent to P.O. Box, and our letter was sent while their package has been in transport.

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 C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e): Not used.

Meeting discussion ended at 9:19 pm. Next meeting dates: Regular board meeting on July 14, 2021, and a special meeting for June 16, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb McCall   
LPWWA Board Secretary