

LA PLATA WEST WATER AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes for May 11, 2016

1. Call to order- The meeting was called to order at 6:50pm. Board members in attendance were Paul Gray, Mardi Gebhardt, Kevin Mallow, Jeanette Haas, Priscilla Blackhawk- Rentz, Ken Spence, and Frank Smith. Others in attendance were Bernadette Cuthair, Jeff Shamburg, Jody Ogden, and Rick Elbl
2. Approve Agenda-Mardi made a motion to approve the agenda, Ken seconded the motion which was approved.
3. Review minutes from April 13, 2016 meeting- Ken made a motion to approve the minutes, Mardi seconded the motion which was approved with one abstention.
4. Comments and communications- Mardi spoke with a Mr. Haddon, he is interested in purchasing a tap. Jeff will look over the map, the board will have to look into this to see if it is possible to serve this potential tap. Jeff stated that it will not have a big impact on the bottom line at this time. Mardi brought the copy of the SDA magazine. Ken spoke with Chris Anderson who stated he believes we need to update the website and the minutes more frequently. Bernadette stated that she really appreciated the information that has been provided in the timeline and several people have commented on how useful it has been. Mardi reported that we need to have all new signature cards for all bank accounts. Jeannette made a motion to have all the officers be the signatory authority to sign checks on behalf of the Board on all accounts Bank of Colorado: Operating and Water Tap and First National Bank of Durango: Water Tap, 210 Pipeline, WUA accounts, checks also require two signatures. The current officer's names are Roy Horvath, President, Paul Gray, Vice President, Mardi Gebhardt, Treasurer, Frank Smith, Secretary; Kevin seconded the motion which was approved.
5. Treasurer's update & current invoices- Mardi reviewed the bank account balances. Upcoming B&W invoices. One invoice for an operating item for LPWWA, Colorado Water and Land Law invoice \$402.50, Frank made a motion to approve and pay the bill; Kevin seconded the motion which was approved. Colorado Water and Land Law, entire project costs in the amount of \$490.00. Frank made a motion to approve and pay the bill, Ken seconded the motion. Kevin brought up discussion of the easements so everyone understood why this invoice was necessary but felt the matter has been drug out. Motion carried. Jeanette made a motion to approve the treasurers report, Priscilla seconded the motion which was approved.

Committee Reports

1. Financial/Budget/Audit – Mardi Gebhardt-Kevin made a motion that LPWWA ask for an extension for repayment with a limit that says we will begin repaying one year after we are a going concern, with the repayment terms being \$6,000 per year for ten years. After further discussion the motion was tabled and the finance committee will meet to draft up terms. Bernadette suggested a pie chart showing how much we will be bringing in and whom we are indebted to so we can see how the slivers break out and what is left. Mardi brought up the conditions of purchasing water. Jeff stated that USDA will likely state that you can only purchase the amount of water you will need for phase one. ALP may come back and state that you need to lock up the water that you may need for future phases as well.

Kevin made a motion to that LPWWA ask for an extension and begin working with SWCD on a repayment plan. Jeanette seconded the motion which was approved.

2. Legal/Negotiations – Kevin Mallow-Kevin presented a summary, covering the easement issue along CR 141. We are at an impasse and will proceed with the county ROW. The three party agreement with signatures have been passed out to Mardi and Frank for Filing. The license agreement letter of amendment has been approved by SUIT council for the Chairman to sign. UMUT still has this with legal counsel.
3. Phase 0 Design/Engineering/Rebid Status/Timeline – Kevin Mallow & Jeff Shamburg- the Structural Engineer is done and Jeff just has to do QA on the information. Bid date June 16th for Raw Water Line to Lake Durango. Jeff stated they have learned a lot and the contractors have learned a lot about expectations, and clarifications. The vault is still needed by the Tribes. Jeff stated there could be some cost saving by setting a concrete vault with a gravel bottom. Advertisement will go out Tuesday.
Paul asked about changes that may affect the bid results. Jeff reported on the changes that have been made and how things have been broken out differently to address some concerns presented. No prequalification package required this go around.
4. Phase 1 Design/Engineering – Mardi Gebhardt-committee did not meet. Jeff stated PER is in final QA. USDA new requirements, and how to present that information. ER has been revised to reflect the PER. Cultural report will be done Monday. Can submit the PER but the USDA will not finalize the review until the Cultural report is completed and submitted. Jeff reported that Federal USDA and State would like to meet with the UMUT and LPWWA. Jeff will get meeting set up and notify the Tribe and the Board.
5. PR/Marketing/ Web Presence – Ken Spence
6. Archive/Information Access & Naming – Ken Spence
7. Grants/Fundraising – Roy Horvath
8. Engagement/Capacity Building – Roy Horvath

New Business

1. Next LPWWA Board meetings –June 8 & July 13, 2016
2. Adjourn-8:25pm

Minutes as reported by Frank Smith, LPWWA Secretary
Approved on June 8, 2016


