

LA PLATA WEST WATER AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes for October 29, 2014

1. Call to order- Roy Horvath called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Board members in attendance were Roy Horvath, Paul Gray, Mardi Gebhardt, JT Coyne, Frank Smith, and Priscilla Blackhawk-Rentz, Celene Hawkins from the UMUT were also in attendance. Jeff Shamburg, and David Saddler with Bartlett & West. Ken Spence was also in attendance. Priscilla left the meeting at 8:33pm.
2. Approve Agenda-Jeff asked that an item be added to the agenda- Phase 1 cultural assessment.
3. Review minutes from September 17 2014 meeting-Frank received corrections from Mardi and Roy and resent the revised minutes out September 22. Paul made a motion to accept the minutes; Mardi seconded the motion which was approved.
4. Comments and communications –Roy received an email from Jim Davis with the County which had revised driveway specifications for the county. Roy spoke with Mike Preston about the upcoming meeting at La Plata Electric, November 12th. Roy let him know about the possibility of a future request for funding for the water dock. Roy spoke with Mike Brod of the Water and Power Authority also about the aforementioned. Mardi got the mail, we received a letter from the home and ranch show requesting prepayment for next year's show. Bill Scott Dunn commitment conversion transaction has been completed. Bontrager to Valiant transfer is now official. One other transfer was done through a title company today.
5. Treasurer's update, current invoices-Mardi reviewed the treasurer's report. Roy had the treasurer's report up on the projector for everyone to follow along. The funds from both tribes are now in the account but the September treasurer's report only showed the UMUT contribution of 1 million dollars as the SUIT money was transferred in October. Mardi picked up the \$75,000 check from the SWCD and deposited it in the operating account. It will show up in the October financials. Mardi reviewed the invoice from Colorado Water and Land Law in the amount of \$350.00. Mardi recommended tabling Bikis Water Consultant's invoice. Mardi made a motion to pay Colorado Water and Land Law's bill, JT seconded the motion which was approved. Bartlett & West invoice in the amount of \$26,800 for Phase 0 Raw Water Project Professional services through August 22, 2014. JT made a motion to approve B&W's invoice and pay the bill based on SUIT's concurrence, Paul seconded the motion which was approved. Mardi received and deposited the funds from LDWA for their portion of the invoice on October 21, 2014.

Old Business

1. Review of public meetings September 18 and 23 Review of Raw Water Project meeting 9-23-2014- Roy talked about some of the highlights of the meetings. Frank mentioned that having Damian Peduto speak at the meeting was very important. JT had a concern that people were focusing in on the idea of getting water from the watering point as opposed to getting a tap. Jeff mentioned that they are looking at the boundaries again for Phase 1 to see if extending the lines a ¼ mile may increase the numbers by 10.
2. Report on Intake Structure Maintenance 9-26-2014- Maintenance is complete. Kevin, Mardi, Paul, and Roy all participated in the maintenance. Mardi mentioned the warning signs for the intake structure need replaced. Roy said there are weeds growing, and there is a water bar that is filled. We may need to do something in May of next year to mitigate.

New Business

1. Extension for Tribal Opt-In – Raw Water project-Celene presented a proposed first amendment to the three party agreement. Jeff asked that he be kept in the loop on the choice to opt in by the tribes, if he is not, and the decision is made to opt in, he will not be able to keep the schedule as it is now presented. November 14 is the date of the meeting between joint councils of the tribes. Roy asked if

LPWWA Board members could attend the joint session. Mardi recommended that Jeff be allowed to attend the meeting on the 14th. Paul made a motion to approve the proposed amendment, JT seconded the amendment which was approved. Jeff recommended having the BOR license agreement ready to sign prior to bid date.

2. Review Budget Draft for 2015-Mardi presented the draft budget for 2015. We had discussions about the ownership interests in the intake as well as the pipeline asset part of the financial information.
3. Insurance for raw water project – Liability & Builder’s risk-SDA notice about renewing property and liability insurance. Mardi would like to keep it the same as last year understanding that we will need to update it once we start building the raw water line. We need to update the budget numbers to identify what we will have for insurance needs. We will need to get together with the tribes to find out what we will want for the pipeline insurance.
4. Phase 1 cultural assessment- B&W is working on getting things put together for the cultural assessment. He offered to expand B&W’s current scope or go to an RFP process. Roy will speak with Amy and get back with the Board to determine our best path forward.
5. Update on Phase 0 & Phase 1 schedules- Jeff provided updated schedules for Phase 0 and Phase 1.
6. Status on PER and submission to USDA/Revolving Fund- this will be delayed due to the need for a cultural assessment.
7. Billing system, web site map, PR process for Phase 1 – neighborhood meetings, signs, etc- Mardi, Ken and Jeff talked about the local billing system companies and availability. Ken presented a chart of how the website would be set up if we get a link to the customer database.
8. Next design/engineering meeting - October 30, 2014 8-10 AM
9. Raw Water Project BOR Scoping meeting – November 18, 2014 6:00 PM Durango Rec Center
10. Next Board Meeting dates - regular Board meetings – November 5 & 19, 2014, December 10, 2014
11. Adjourn-9:27pm.

Minutes as reported by Frank Smith, LPWWA Secretary
Approved on November 5, 2014


