**La Plata West Water Authority**

**Board of Director Meeting Minutes**

**December 17, 2024**

**555 CR 122, Hesperus, CO 81326**

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

1. **Roll Call** - In attendance were James Campbell, Frank Smith, Sharon Orr, Deb Flick, Wanda Cason (via telecon), Doug Mize (via telecon), Marcela Brashear (guest via telecon). Quorum was met.
2. **Approve Agenda**

A Motion to approve the Agenda, amended to add the Executive session, made by Frank, Second by Deb; unanimous approval

1. **Approve November 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

A Motion to approve meeting minutes by Deb, Second by Frank; unanimous approval.

1. **Ratify Rate Increase electronic votes**

A motion was made by Frank to ratify the electronic vote by all LPWWA Board members to increase the base rate for Subscribers from the current $175 per month to $195 for 3,000 gallons and from $25 to $32 for 1,000 gallons for the Water Fill Station (WFS) customers as of the January 2025 billing, seconded by Deb; unanimous approval

1. **2024 Budget Hearing and Resolutions**
2. Summary: With the addition of the Water Fill Station and customer/vendor support needed for LPWWA business in general, a part-time employee was added. In order to balance income and expenses, it was necessary to raise the subscriber and WFS base rates.
3. A motion was made by Frank to approve the Budget for 2025, Second by Sharon; unanimous approval.
4. At the next Board Meeting, January 8, 2025, The Resolution Number 2024-3 Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money, and the Resolution Number 2024-4 Resolution to Adopt the 2025 Budget will be voted on and all required DOLA documents will be sent before the January 30, 2025 deadline.
5. **Comments and Communication**

The Subscribers and Water Fill Station customers were informed of the increase to base water rates via letter, November 26, 2024, as of the January billing. They were invited to attend the December 17, 2024 Board Meeting, via telecon, to participate in a public discussion about the rate increase. One participant was present and voiced discontent with the increase. The necessity was explained.

1. **Tabled and Unfinished Business**
2. The goal is to work on the 5 year Business Plan throughout 2025
3. **New Business**-none
4. **Other Business**
5. Set next Board meeting date: January 8, 2024
6. Executive Session 24-6-402 (4)(f) C.R.S.: Personnel. A motion to enter an Executive Session was made by Deb at 7:24 PM and Second by Sharon; unanimous approval. Executive Session was ended at 7:40 PM.
7. **Adjourn** - 7:40 PM

Respectfully Summitted,

Sharon Orr

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