

August 7, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of DeWeese-Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company was held at the Brookside Community Center. President Arlin Bolkema called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Board members Dick Poyner, Jeff Boccaccio, and Kenn Estes in attendance. Ditch Superintendent Ken Fulton was present.

The July, 2017, minutes were e-mailed prior to the meeting. All indicated that they had read the minutes. Arlin Bolkema noted one change to be made in the minutes, which was that Kevin Camerlo spoke to Eric Moore concerning paying for the survey at DeWeese Dam #2. Dick Poyner moved to accept the minutes with the correction made, Jeff Boccaccio seconded, and all voted in favor.

The list of July bills were provided, and Dick Poyner moved to pay the bills. Kenn Estes seconded, and all voted in favor of the motion.

Information on a description of the property @ DeWeese Reservoir #2 is still not available as reported by Arlin Bolkema.

A letter from shareholder Vera McDermott was read. Mrs. McDermott is concerned that water pools in front of her property when it rains. The ditch is on State property and is not part of the DeWeese system. Arlin Bolkema will speak with her again about the matter, as he has in the past.

The Ditch Company has been contacted by shareholder Joseph Lenyi, who has property at 1220 S. 12th. Mr. Lenyi feels he should be getting more water than he does and wishes to pay for a reduced number of shares. Kenn Estes volunteered to investigate before the next meeting.

Jeff Boccaccio has been contacted by the shareholders at 1201 Elm Avenue. This is the location of some pipe replacement in 2017. The installation caused the asphalt entrances to the property to be taken up and the shareholders would like to have it replaced. Jeff explained that he plans to make the repairs, but has to do so when the asphalt plant is running.

Ken Fulton reported a small sinkhole behind the American Family Insurance Agency on 9th Street. There may be a leak in the pipe. Ken will keep an eye on it.

Dale Johnson, who represents shareholder Virgil Bunten spoke to the Board. He had been exploring areas of the Ditch and noticed that some sections are blocked by fences, making it difficult if not impossible to go up the ditch. Ken Fulton said he would look into it.

A presentation was given by Dave Gilbert and Roy Smith from BLM and a representative of Colorado River Engineers. In cooperation with the Upper Ark Water Conservancy, a study has been conducted. Factors considered were the fisheries from Lake DeWeese to the Arkansas River, providing more water for DeWeese Ditch, possible infrastructure improvements, facilitating better flows in drought years, and exploring funding for improvements/changes. This study was a preliminary one, and many questions need to be answered. The presenters thought that improvements to the Ditch system and to the environment could be accomplished.

President Bolkema announced that the annual State safety inspection at DeWeese dam by engineer Mark Perry would be next Monday, August 14, 2017. Arlin is planning to be there for the inspection, and asked if anyone else was interested in going.

With no other business to consider the Board adjourned at 8:50 p.m., via a motion by Dick Poyner, second by Jeff Boccaccio, and a unanimous vote for.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Ormsby
Secretary/Treasurer