



DeWeese-Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company  
Board Meeting  
PO Box 759  
Cañon City, CO 81215

**June 7, 2021**

**Call to Order:** President Bolkema called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. President Bolkema began the meeting with an introduction of our new Ditch Superintendent, Bill Brogoitti, who is replacing Chris Bachoroski.

**Board Members Present:**

Arlin Bolkema  
Kenn Estes  
Marc Thompson  
Leo French

**Board Members Absent:**

**Others Present:**

Chris Bachoroski, Ditch Superintendent  
Drake Strong, Ditch Superintendent  
Bill Brogoitti, Ditch Superintendent  
Annette Ortega, Secretary/Treasurer  
13 Shareholders

**Absent:**

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the May 3, 2021 meeting were e-mailed prior to the meeting. All Board Directors indicated they had read the minutes. Director Thompson moved to accept the minutes, and Director Estes seconded, all voted in favor.

**Financial Report:**

**a) Presentation of the bills:**

The list of May bills was provided to the Board for review, with the addition of the most recent invoices from Canon Rental and Fremont Paving for the Lakeside Cemetery pipe repairs. Director Estes moved to pay the bills, Director French seconded, and all voted in favor of the motion.

**b) Balance Sheet and Income Summary:**

The financial reports were provided to the Board to review prior to the meeting, and anyone with questions were directed to speak with Secretary/Treasurer Ortega.

**Old Business:**

**a) Reservoir Extension Update:**

All tasks are still on track and moving forward. No other updates at this time.

**a) Gauging station/telemetry system:** DeWeese will meet with Upper Ark for a site meeting later in the week to go over any concerns and to answer any questions. Gracy stated that there is a discrepancy as to whether or not the pipe leaks, and which location it leaks from. The suggestion was made to obtain a survey rather than using the points gathered by Dick. A date and time to conduct the site meeting will be decided this coming week.

**New Business:**

**a) Secretary/Treasurer Business Items:** Secretary/Treasurer Ortega discussed business items and issues, and provided an update on receivables. Discussion ensued with regard to the months' activity.

b) **Major Ditch Repairs:**

Issues and repairs were discussed. President Bolkema gave a summary on emergency repairs completed during the month, the major ones being off of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and in Lakeside Cemetery.

c) **Ditch Superintendent Update:** Superintendent Bachoroski and Strong provided an update, and have been training Superintendent Brogoitti in the water delivery operations. The South Canyon Ranch property still has some leaks, and trees are suspected. We will also look into lining the little reservoir in an effort to mitigate water loss. The completed repairs have made a positive impact on the overall water delivery, and we will continue to work through other needed repairs along the system.

d) **Shareholder questions:** The floor was opened to shareholders questions and/or comments.

**Shareholder Bosco:** Joe's daughter purchased property on Poplar, and have noticed two holes. There are rocks in the area, and requested the Supers take a look. Superintendent Strong will look into the issue.

**Shareholder Cheryl:** Requested assistance/possible solutions to issues she and the surrounding neighbors have at their properties behind the old Belvedere. The Shareholders have agreed to come together to repair the issues, and have requested any help the Ditch may be able to provide. Options were discussed, and the Ditch will be able to offer some assistance later down the line as the Supers have time. If an excavator is needed, the financial responsibility will fall on the Shareholders, as the Ditch is not responsible for Shareholder laterals.

**Shareholder Miller:** Is having issues with regard to pipe. Superintendent Strong explained that the blockage would need to be located via snake, and the pipe would need to be dug out, and this is the responsibility of the Shareholder. It is possible the culprit are roots. The Ditch can come up with suggestions on how to best repair the issue, but cannot pay for the cost of repairs.

**Shareholders Croft:** There are leaks along Grape Creek causing damage to the walls-major work needs to be done in an effort to prevent further damage. President Bolkema explained that the Ditch was there prior to the land improvements done by property owners, so the Ditch easement and operations take preference. Any damage is the responsibility of the Shareholder. In the meantime, President Bolkema explained the end result we are trying to get to with regard to the gaging station. We are not able to do anything right now, but will be discussing solutions with Upper Ark on the gaging station. Until then, Shareholders need to maintain as best they can, but bottom line, repairs are the Shareholders' responsibility.

**Shareholder Strong:** Inquired of how often water rates raise, and expressed her agreement in raising rates to help offset the cost of repairs to a very old system. Discussion ensued with regard to the cost of repairs and share costs.

**Other Business:**

The floor was opened to other business. President Bolkema congratulated Superintendent Strong on his new role of Father. Superintendent Strong and family welcomed their new baby boy: Dominic. Congratulations Drake!

A moment was taken to recognize and thank Chris for all he has done for DeWeese. Chris will be available if we need more help. We hate to see you go Chris, but wish you luck in your new opportunity!

**Adjournment:** With no other business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m., via a motion by Director Estes, seconded by Director Thompson, and a unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Ortega  
Secretary/Treasurer