

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

March 5, 2018

President Arlin Bolkema called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Dick Poyner
Kenn Estes
Jeff Boccaccio

Board Members Absent:

Francis Ackley

Others Present:

Penny Johnston, Shareholder
Ken Fulton, Ditch Superintendent
Annette Ortega, Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes:

The minutes from the February 5, 2018 meeting were e-mailed prior to the meeting. All indicated that they had read the minutes. Dick Poyner moved to accept the minutes, and Jeff Boccaccio seconded, all voted in favor.

Financial Report:

The list of February bills was provided and discussed. Dick Poyner moved to pay the bills. Jeff Boccaccio seconded, and all voted in favor of the motion.

Balance Sheet and Income Summary:

The financial reports were given to the Board, and anyone with questions were directed to speak with Annette.

Old Business:

- a) **Reservoir 2/BLM update:** Matt Koch, Surveyor, has committed to doing the survey this week. Eric Moore also spoke with Matt. Access was discussed. Ken Fulton confirmed that the homeless camp had left.
- b) **Koch property update:** Dick called the Courts and left a message for Larry Allen. Dick has not heard back from him. There are no other updates at this time.

New Business:

- a) **Dam Repairs:** The Dam is still full, and there are 7" of water in the snowpack.
 - a. Mike Graber thought an increase in storage of 6' would be good without changing the Dam....but would need a feasibility study. We would like to tie in the expansion with repairs to the drain pipe, and there would be the possibility of cooperating with another town in accomplishing this.
- b) **Secretary/Treasurer Business Items:** Shareholder Todd Manspeaker wants to speak with Ken Fulton about his laterals, and those of his neighbor on Stone Place. The matter was referred to Ken Fulton for follow-up. Annette received the 2018 SEWCD allocation paper work, and will be completing the allocation request and mailing it to Southeastern. Arlin signed the allocation request.
- c) **Major Repair Priorities:** Ken Fulton and Jeff Boccaccio will stake out the path for the pipe along the cemetery, and find a route down to the reservoir. The elm trees are too large to remove, and Ken removed a lot of brush in the area. Discussion about eliminating the slide gate, pouring a wall with concrete flooring instead of going into the bank and clearing out the head gate was recommended by Jeff to be the best solution. We are awaiting quotes on the cost of the pipe.
- d) **DARCA Report:** Arlin toured with the group to Rocky Ford and La Junta during the annual conference.
 - a. The City of Aurora has purchased 4,000 acres and the water rights in the Rocky Ford area. This land is taken out of production and will probably never be farmed again. Metro cities are constantly looking for more water to supply their needs as they grow. Arlin stated from this tour what he has learned is that-if you have water-hang on to it! The ditch companies need to be vigilant and protect our water.

- b. During several of the seminars, the discussions continued to come back to more water storage in the state of Colorado.
 - c. Anna Mauss with the Colorado Water Conservation Board, spoke with Arlin, Dick, and Annette with regard to funding/grants. She stated most grants are a 50/50 match, and more funding would be available later on. Possibilities were discussed. Enlarging storage would ensure we have more water. There is not a lot of sediment to dredge out, so this process would not be practical. We will look at other possibilities going forward and contact Anna with any questions.
- e) **Shareholder Questions:** The floor was opened to shareholders questions, and there were none.
- f) **Other Business:**
- a. Lauren with F&W Insurance, our insurance company, will need to be placed on the agenda for the April meeting.
 - b. Discussion ensued with regard to other options for the Dam. Dick stated we would need to have protective water rights for DeWeese first, but would like to see a partnership that would be beneficial to all parties involved.
 - c. Arlin attended the Ditch Forum presented by the County Commissioners. We do not have the issues other Ditch companies have. Our land isn't as steep as other ditches and we have more agricultural property. The City is wanting to double the storm water fee which would generate approximately 1 million dollars.
 - d. Arlin presented an invoice from RJH Consultants for work done as part of the initial scope of work. This bill was not listed with the February bills for payment. A vote to pay the invoice was called by Arlin, Dick motioned to add the invoice to the bills to be paid, Jeff seconded, all in favor. Annette will send payment with the February bills.

With no other business to consider the Board adjourned at 5:46 p.m., via a motion by Kenn Estes, seconded by Dick Poyner, and a unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Ortega
Secretary/Treasurer