

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

June 3, 2019

President Arlin Bolkema called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Dick Poyner
Kenn Estes
Francis Ackley
Marc Thompson

Board Members Absent:

Others Present:

Kevin Bourgeois, Ditch Superintendent
Chris Bachoroski, Ditch Superintendent
Annette Ortega, Secretary/Treasurer
8 Shareholders

Minutes:

The minutes from the May 6, 2019 meeting were e-mailed prior to the meeting. All Board Members indicated they had read the minutes. Vice President Poyner moved to accept the minutes, and Board Member Ackley seconded, all voted in favor.

Financial Report:

The list of May bills was provided and directed to Secretary/Treasurer Ortega if there were any questions. Discussion ensued with questions about bills, and those questions were answered. Board Member Thompson moved to pay the bills, Vice President Poyner 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. President Bolkema requested to have financials emailed to Board Members ahead of time to allow more time to review. Secretary/Treasurer Ortega stated she would begin emailing financials ahead of time going forward.

Old Business:

- a) **Dam Extension Update:** Secretary/Treasurer Ortega had contacted Chelsey Nutter on the status of the grant. The grant was submitted on June 1, 2019 and the next step will be to attend the Needs Assessment meeting. Chelsey will provide the date of the meeting and Secretary/Treasurer Ortega will email the Board with the date.

Shareholder Madone inquired about what the grant was for, and President Bolkema explained what the intentions were, and provided the background information on the grant. Vice President Poyner also explained that if the plans to expand water storage was not a benefit to the Ditch, we would not pursue it further. Board Member Estes asked about all interested parties' cost-sharing in repairs/maintenance, to which each party would have a cost and would share in the repairs and maintenance. Board Member Ackley stated if we had more storage, we would have more money to conduct repairs.

New Business:

- a) **Secretary/Treasurer Business Items:** Secretary/Treasurer Ortega discussed business items and issues, and provided an update on receivables and the forfeit lists.
- b) **Upper Arkansas Telemetry and Gauging System:**
Vice President Poyner explained this to be a 10-year issue. The system needs to be replaced, but will be expensive to do. Currently, the gauge is measuring 10% incorrect. The Ditch had to wait until the loan was paid to discuss

this issue. Vice President Poyner further explained that Upper Ark is willing to discuss the cost of the system, but will want money in return. It was recommended the Board Members all meet to discuss this issue. Board Member Ackley asked about conducting a site visit with the meeting, and Vice President Poyner suggested that the Board just conduct a meeting. If the Board agrees to a meeting, Vice President Poyner will set it up with Terry Scanga of Upper Ark. Board Member Thompson motioned to meet, and Board Member Ackley seconded, with all in favor. Vice President Poyner will contact Terry Scanga. The Water Commissioner has stated it does need to be fixed, and doing so would offer the potential to save water. Vice President Poyner stated it would be easy to place it in the first grate at the sand trap, as it is already open. Upper Ark would be responsible for maintaining the system.

c) **Major Repair Priorities:**

- a. Superintendent Bourgeois said that one of the main repairs is located at Pinion and Chestnut-there were 2 large voids and President Bolkema brought in dirt to fill the holes in and packed it in. Superintendent Bourgeois stated he has a list of other repairs that need to be done; and should be able to provide the Board with the list on paper soon. New Superintendent Chris Bachoroski was introduced to the group. The Board welcomed Chris on board.

- d) **Ditch Superintendent Update:** Superintendent Bourgeois stated he has been able to accomplish a lot with the help of Superintendent Bachoroski. Board Member Ackley explained to the Shareholders in attendance what the job share was and about the alternating schedule, and answered questions about the on-season and off-season schedule.

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

Shareholder Neysa Westback: Shareholder Westback prepared documentation for the Board to review., and explained what her situation is. Shareholder Westback would like for the Board to review the information she provided and discuss at the next meeting. She realizes it is not an easy fix. Superintendent Bourgeois stated he had performed maintenance as what was deemed necessary. Board Member Thompson asked if she was receiving her shares, to which Shareholder Westback responded "Questionably". President Bolkema stated water was observed up the hill, and explained what repairs had been done a couple of years ago. Board Member Thompson asked how long the issue has been going on, to which Shareholder Westback responded "since 2002", and expressed her desire to come to a resolution. President Bolkema explained that nothing could be done during irrigation season, and will add the issue to the list of projects.

Board Member Thompson stated Superintendent Bourgeois will need to provide a list of repairs to present to the Board, and the Board will prioritize them. Shareholder Westback explained that she just wants to be considered and sit down to discuss.

Other Business:

The floor was opened to other business. No other business was brought to the Board.

Adjournment: With no other business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m., via a motion by Vice President Poyner, seconded by Board Member Ackley, and a unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Ortega
Secretary/Treasurer