



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

August 4, 2025

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

Board Directors Present:

Arlin Bolkema

Kenn Estes

Bill Brogoitti

Marc Thompson

Board Directors Absent:

Leo French

Others Present:

Annette Reed-Pugh, Secretary/Treasurer

5 Shareholders

Absent

Minutes:

The minutes from the July 7, 2025 meeting were e-mailed prior to the meeting. All Board Directors indicated they had read the minutes. President Bolkema called for a motion to approve the minutes as written, Director Thompson moved to accept the minutes, Director Brogoitti seconded, all voted in favor. The minutes from the August 1, 2025 special meeting were provided to the Board for review and approval. At this meeting, the Board voted on water delivery schedule and we met with Mannie Colon and Hydrologik to discuss automation. President Bolkema called for a motion to approve the minutes as written, Director Brogoitti moved to accept the minutes, Director Thompson seconded, all voted in favor.

Financial Report:

- **Presentation of the bills:**

The list of July bills was provided to the Board for review. Secretary/Treasurer Reed-Pugh provided a revised list of bills, as some bills came in after the meeting packet was generated. President Bolkema called for a motion to approve payment of the bills. Vice President Estes moved to pay the bills, Director Thompson seconded, and all voted in favor of the motion.

- **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 Reed-Pugh.

Old Business:

- **Reservoir Extension Update:**

Awaiting a final review of the draft water **storage** proposal from Upper Ark's Attorney and DeWeese's Attorney. Information was provided to the Shareholders on the proposal at the Special Informational Shareholder meeting held on May 31, 2025. Further discussion will take place prior to entering into an agreement. Our water attorney has the most current revision and will review this week, and provide his comments/suggestions.

- **BLM/CWCB Grant Update:**
Project on hold, as we are still looking at some options.

New Business:

- **Secretary/Treasurer Business Items:** Secretary/Treasurer Reed-Pugh discussed business items and issues, and provided an update on receivables for 2024 and 2025. We are now fully integrated into our new accounting software program, so the reports look different. There are a couple of reports that Patriot does not provide, and Secretary/Treasurer Reed-Pugh is working with the company to get the reports we need. We are still waiting on approval from the IRS for our 501 C(12) designation.
- **Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District Proposal Discussion:**
Our water attorney has been provided the latest version of the draft from Upper Ark's attorney. He will review and provide comments/suggestions soon. DeWeese Board of Directors will need to approve the draft before moving forward.

From June 2, 2025 meeting reference information:

- *Upper Ark wishes to purchase 150 af of existing storage space in our dam now, with the option to purchase additional storage space in the dam if/when the expansion takes place. The proposal is negotiable and our Water Attorney, David Shohet, has reviewed the proposal at length and in detail. There are a couple of minor changes DeWeese would like to make to the proposal, along with another in-depth review from David Shohet, before entering into an agreement. Discussion ensued.*
 - *If/When the dam is expanded, there would also need to be an additional operational agreement in place addressing the accounting and operations and release of water. We would also like to see a sunset of 15 years for the dam expansion. Water accounting automation was also discussed....automation would reduce the man hours required to report water movement and usage. Grant funding could be pursued for the automation piece and we will reach out to vendors that provide automation when the time comes.*
 - *The DWR will be reporting and moving water at their level, as this has always been conducted by the DWR. This process will remain in place until the need to change the process becomes necessary.*
 - **Major Ditch Repairs:**
Director Brogoitti and Director Thompson provided an update. No major repairs at this time. President Bolkema and Director Thompson met with Mark Perry for the annual dam inspection on July 10, 2025. The dam inspection report was provided to the Board for review. Overall, our dam is in good shape and we did not have any issues.
 - **Ditch Superintendent Update:**
Superintendents are managing levels according to weather conditions, and the water levels have been erratic. Supers are still working to stabilize the water and trying to find where the issues are. Discussion ensued on water delivery operations, how much water we are using a day, and how best to try and get Shareholders thru to September. The length of our season will also depend upon the river call. There is no way to predict how long we will be able to run water, but are doing our best to judge the time left and are adjusting flows daily. As always, Shareholders will be notified of any changes to our schedule. Currently, our schedule is only on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays until we run out of water or until we reach the end of the season.
- Bruce with Hydrologik attended a site visit on August 1, 2025 with Superintendents Brogoitti and Thompson of Grape Creek and the area where we are interested in automation. He will provide his analysis, costs, and recommendations after his review of the information.
- **Shareholder questions:** The floor was opened to shareholders questions and/or comments.
 - **Shareholder Bosco:** Inquired about what his responsibility is for the lateral by the Brunetto property and that area. There is a large tree growing there, impacting water flows. We do have an easement all along

our water delivery system, and some of the shareholder laterals/easements are between properties, sharing property lines. Shareholder Bosco was recommended to check his property lines to determine exactly where the lateral lies. He does not get water from the one lateral, but it is affecting Shareholders along that lateral.

NOTE: Reminder to Shareholders: Shareholders are expected to clean and maintain their laterals, as per our governing By-laws. Violations will be issued to Shareholders for non-compliance with our by-laws; up to and including termination of water delivery.

- **Other Business:**

The floor was opened to other business. No other issues/discussion was brought before the Board.

Adjournment: With no other business to consider, President Bolkema called for a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m., via a motion by Vice President Estes, and seconded by Director Brogoitti, and a unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Reed-Pugh
Secretary/Treasurer