



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

February 3, 2025

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

Board Directors Present:

Arlin Bolkema

Kenn Estes

Marc Thompson

Bill Brogoitti

Board Directors Absent:

Leo French

Others Present:

Annette Reed-Pugh, Secretary/Treasurer

5 Shareholders

Absent

Minutes:

The minutes from the January 6, 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.

Financial Report:

- **Presentation of the bills:**

The list of January bills was provided to the Board for review. An updated list was provided to the Board. 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:**

Meeting scheduled with Upper Ark on February 28, 2025 to discuss a counter-proposal/draft proposal of storage space Upper Ark wishes to purchase/lease in the Dam. The dam has extra storage space that we are not able to utilize with the amount of decreed water we have, as we can store only what we have decreed. Since the dam has extra storage space, Upper Ark and other entities are interested in purchasing/leasing the space to store water.

DeWeese has the ability to generate revenue streams-both annually and one-time, by selling/leasing storage space to the interested entities. Doing so will allow DeWeese to make much-needed repairs and improvements along our 100+ year old system. Selling/leasing **STORAGE SPACE** WILL NOT affect our water or water rights. The interested entities are not wanting, nor will they be allowed, to purchase/lease our WATER. They are only interested and would be allowed to purchase/lease the **EXTRA STORAGE SPACE** that is available in the dam. The space that is available in the dam does not impact our decreed water rights, in that we would not be losing any amount of decreed water if we allow interested parties to purchase/lease **STORAGE SPACE**, as any space above what we need to store our own water is not useful to us.....other than generating revenue. DeWeese would retain enough space to capture any water that would spill over into Grape Creek if/when the dam is raised. There is extra space in the dam now to generate revenue through the lease/purchase of storage space, and should the dam be expanded, there would be even more storage space to generate more revenue for the company to maintain and improve the system. Again, leasing/selling STORAGE SPACE would in no way affect DeWeese's decreed water rights. We are not selling/leasing WATER, only considering selling/leasing **STORAGE SPACE** in an effort to make critical repairs and ensure the maintenance of our system for years to come. This also will not affect our ability to store our own water, as there is space available even storing ALL of our decreed water.

- **BLM Grant Update:**
Project on hold due to hanging pipe repairs needed.
- **CD roll-over:**
Term expires March 30, 2025 at 4.30% (6-month renewal)

New Business:

- **Secretary/Treasurer Business Items:** Secretary/Treasurer Reed-Pugh discussed business items and issues, and provided an update on receivables for 2024.
 - **CD redemption:**
The CD was redeemed via unanimous agreement of the Board to pay for critical repairs of the hanging pipe. If the hanging pipe is not repaired prior to irrigation season this year, there will be no water. CD was redeemed for \$67,242.28.
 - **Year End:**
The 2024 calendar year was closed, all quarterly reports and 940/943 returns were completed, and financials were provided to the accountant to file our taxes.
- **Major Ditch Repairs:**
 - President Bolkema provided information on possible grant funding available through NRCS. There is a \$50,000.00 grant available for larger projects and a smaller \$5,000.00 grant available for smaller projects. Secretary Reed-Pugh has compiled information for both grants for submittal and consideration. If approved, the \$50,000.00 grant will be applied for to put toward the outlet pipe repair for the DeWeese portion of \$92,130.00, making our actual dollar match reduce by over half. The \$5,000.00 grant, if awarded, would be used for more leak repairs located along our system on the South Canyon Ranch.
 - Hanging pipe repairs will be completed by Avalanche as soon as we are able to get it scheduled in. Avalanche has already mobilized their equipment and are ready to begin, weather permitting. The road is a mess and will need some work to gain more access.
- **Ditch Superintendent Update:**
 - Waiting on the County for their portion of work to complete the pipe project on Pine/Cedar.
 - South Canyon repairs are still being conducted. South Canyon locations were discussed, and how much pipe would be needed. The request to NRCS for the smaller grant of \$5,000.00 will be requested for this project. The Board decided that 6 sticks of pipe would be purchased for this project and included in the request for funding through NRCS.
- **Shareholder questions:** The floor was opened to shareholders questions and/or comments. There were no issues or comments brought before the Board, but roundtable discussion about various operations and repairs needed along the ditch ensued.

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. President Bolkema provided a summary of what he accomplished during the month. He visited with Twin Enviro/Apex about damage they had caused to one of our culverts, and Twin was unwilling to pay for the damages. Instead, they agreed to offer trash service that we will be able to utilize in the future. President Bolkema also has done some research on water attorneys to have on retainer for review of any agreements we may enter into in an effort to protect DeWeese's interests. Upon conclusion of the discussion, there were no other questions or issues brought to the Board.

Adjournment: With no other business to consider, President Bolkema called for a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m., via a motion by Vice President Estes, and seconded by Director Thompson, and a unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Reed-Pugh
Secretary/Treasurer