

January 6, 2014

At 5:00 p.m. the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the DeWeese-Dye Ditch and Reservoir Company was called to order at the Golden Age Center by President Ron Dorn. Board members Dick Poyner, Joe Brunetto, Jim Roberson and Jeff Boccaccio were present for the meeting as well as Ditch Superintendent Dave Luscomb.

The minutes were reviewed, and Dick Poyner moved to accept them as printed. Jeff Boccaccio seconded and the motion passed.

In regards to the December 2013 bills presented, Dick Poyner made a motion to pay, Jim Roberson seconded, and all voted in favor.

The Grape Creek bridges may have a better chance of coming into being since Jan Lanson a retired BLM specialist has been hired by BLM and assigned to work with the Ditch Company, according to Ron Dorn. BLM has surveyed and located the road and places for the bridges.

Dick reported that Jerry Livengood, water commissioner and dam tender predicts that Lake DeWeese will fill during the storage period which ends March 15, 2014.

The surveyor Kit Sly and State Engineer Mark Perry have agreed on how to set monuments at Lake DeWeese dam to determine if there is any movement in the dam. This work will most likely be done when the weather is better and the area is free of snow.

Two representatives from the Department of Wildlife, Justin Krall and Michelle McGree, asked to speak to the Board. They proposed to improve fish habitat in the areas of Grape Creek a mile above the lake and a mile below the dam. In the surveys done by DOW, it was found that most of the fish in these two areas were found in holes and by large rocks. It is their intent to stabilize banks, add rocks, and do other work to improve the stream. This would be at the expense of the State. Dick Poyner made a motion to allow the DOW to improve the stream, Joe Brunetto seconded and all voted in favor. The Board agreed to furnish written authorization to DOW.

Some discussion followed about the replacement weir on Grape Creek. It is estimated that the old weir is inaccurate and is penalizing DeWeese Ditch by 10%. One site suggested for the new weir is above the Susan Vine residence. Two or three sections of pipe would need to be removed and the new weir installed. Locating the weir there would eliminate the need to measure laterals downstream. This project can be delayed till next year, and the water commissioner will compensate for the 10% shortfall.

At 5:40 p.m. Dick Poyner moved for adjournment. Jim Roberson seconded, and all voted for.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Ormsby
Secretary/Treasurer