

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

July 7, 2025

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

Board Directors Present: Board Directors Absent:

Arlin Bolkema Kenn Estes Leo French Bill Brogoitti Marc Thompson

Others Present: Absent

Annette Reed-Pugh, Secretary/Treasurer 5 Shareholders

#### Minutes:

The minutes from the June 2, 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 French moved to accept the minutes, Director Thompson seconded, all voted in favor.

## **Financial Report:**

# • Presentation of the bills:

The list of June bills was provided to the Board for review. President Bolkema called for a motion to approve payment of the bills. Director Thompson moved to pay the bills, Director Brogoitti 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. Nothing new to report.

#### 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 working out some issues between the old accounting software program and the new accounting software program, but overall the program is working well.

#### • Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District Proposal Discussion:

We are awaiting response from Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District after their July 10, 2025 meeting. Our water attorney and their water attorney have reviewed the draft agreement in depth, and their 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 is scheduled to meet with Mark Perry for the annual dam inspection on July 10, 2025.

## • Ditch Superintendent Update:

Superintendents are managing levels according to weather conditions, and the water levels have been erratic. Supers are working to stabilize the water and trying to find where the issues are. We are losing 35-40 af a day. Our telementry matches our consumption, but it has been difficult to find where the inconsistency is from one location to another.

- As a result of the water loss, the Board discussed going to our one-run per week schedule in an effort to not run out of water too soon. Discussion ensued as to options and schedules. President Bolkema called for a motion to have normal runs for the weeks of July 7, 2025 thru July 19,2025; then to the one-run schedule from July 24, 2025 thru August 2, 2025 Thursday thru Saturday only; with regular water delivery schedules resuming on August 4, 2025. Water will run on Thursday July 24, 2025, Friday July 25, 2025, and Saturday July 26,2025. Then for the following week we will run Thursday July 31, 2025, Friday August 1, 2025, and Saturday August 2, 2025. Director Thompson motioned to approve the schedule, and Director Brogoitti seconded, all voted in favor. Notifications will be posted for the Shareholders.
- Shareholder questions: The floor was opened to shareholders questions and/or comments.
  - Shareholder Richter: Aaron discussed the water and the riptarian population at the Lake location. He also discussed the water loss and the inconsistency with the water fluctuations, and that they are also trying to stabilize flows and determine the best way to move water.

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 8:01 p.m., via a motion by Director Thompson, and seconded by Director Brogoitti, and a unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Reed-Pugh Secretary/Treasurer