



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

March 3, 2025

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

Board Directors Present:

Arlin Bolkema

Kenn Estes

Leo French

Bill Brogoitti

Board Directors Absent:

Marc Thompson

Others Present:

Annette Reed-Pugh, Secretary/Treasurer

4 Shareholders

Absent

Minutes:

The minutes from the February 3, 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, Vice President Estes moved to accept the minutes, Director Brogoitti seconded, all voted in favor.

Financial Report:

- **Presentation of the bills:**

The list of February bills was provided to the Board for review. An updated list was provided to the Board as statements came in after the packet was printed. President Bolkema called for a motion to approve payment of the bills. Director Brogoitti moved to pay the bills, Director French 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 March 14, 2025 to discuss a counter-proposal/draft proposal of **storage space** Upper Ark wishes to purchase/lease in the Dam. The Board will review the draft prior to the meeting once we receive it from Upper Ark.

- **BLM Grant Update:**
Project on hold, as we are still looking at some options.
- **CD roll-over:**
Term expires March 30, 2025 at 4.30% (6-month renewal). CD was redeemed on 1/30/2025 for \$67,242.28 to pay for the hanging pipe repairs.

New Business:

- **Secretary/Treasurer Business Items:** Secretary/Treasurer Reed-Pugh discussed business items and issues, and provided an update on receivables for 2024.
 - **NRCS Grant:**
DeWeese was awarded grant funding from the NRCS office in the amount of \$3,000.00. We are awaiting on official NTP (Notice to Proceed) from NRCS before spending the grant funds.
 - **Non-profit designation:**
Director French discussed his concerns and desires to obtain a 501 C4 designation in an effort to qualify in obtaining more grant funding, as other ditch companies have this designation. Secretary/Treasurer Reed-Pugh will research further and contact our accountant for assistance and information on this process.
- **Attorney Retainer:**
President Bolkema reached out to Monson, Cummins, Shohet & Farr, LLC to obtain information on water service representation they provide. After conducting research on this firm and a couple others, President Bolkema presented the information to the Board to discuss. Discussion ensued. President Bolkema called for a motion to approve retaining Monson, Cummins, Shohet & Farr, LLC, specifically David Shohet, as the water attorney/group to represent DeWeese Dye Ditch on all water matters that may need review, in an effort to protect DeWeese water and its' Shareholders. Director French motioned to accept; Director Brogoitti seconded, all aye. We will contract to retain Monson, Cummins, Shohet & Farr, LLC to represent DeWeese on matters that affect our water. Secretary/Treasurer Reed-Pugh will coordinate with David Shohet in executing the agreement and providing our by-laws and articles of incorporation.
- **Major Ditch Repairs:**
 - President Bolkema and Director Brogoitti provided an update on major projects. 3 boxes were today to prepare for concrete. Need to add one stick of pipe to get around the curve at South Canyon. This portion of the project is the last of 3 at this location.
 - The hanging pipe project has been completed by Avalanche and inspected by the Board. The project was successful and was done well.
- **Ditch Superintendent Update:**
 - The minor subdivision at 1226 S 2nd Street is being engineered by 3-Rocks. They requested we provide a letter stating the easement has been abandoned so that they do not need to install a culvert. Director Brogoitti states a culvert should be installed and will research further before making a final decision. The Board tabled the issue for now until after Director Brogoitti does the research to determine whether or not we will provide a letter. A motion via email will suffice in making this decision.
 - Water start up dates will be discussed in the April 2025 meeting and posted to the website once start up is determined.
- **Shareholder questions:** The floor was opened to shareholders questions and/or comments.
 - **Shareholder Bosco:** The headgate on 1718 Poplar has a hole by the tree and weir. Director Brogoitti will take a look, as he had filled the hole in previously.

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 6:02 p.m., via a motion by Director Brogotti, and seconded by Vice President Estes, and a unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Reed-Pugh
Secretary/Treasurer