

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
LA PLATA WEST WATER AUTHORITY**

Special meeting open to the public, **Thursday Sept 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Hesperus Fire Station #3,
22868 ST HWY 140 HESPERUS CO 81326

- 1) 6:30 Call to Order –awaited quorum. Meeting called to order at 6:45pm
- 2) Roll Call- Mardi Gebhardt, Paul Gray, Deb Flick, Aaron Preator, Frank Smith- Quorum not achieved.
- 3) Approve Agenda- Agenda was not formally approved due to lack of quorum. Discussion was had on the topics listed below, executive session did not take place.
 - a) a) *EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purposes of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e).
 - i) Phase 2, inconsideration of high pressures vs prvs, gap in funding- Colin Daly of SMA provided a review of the Phase 2 PER. Overall USDA liked the PER, only noted one issue of high pressure on the line- recommendation to drop customers to lower the pressure will not be accepted as we cannot afford to reduce our customer base. LPWWA can acknowledge the issue and proceed much like we did with Phase 1. USDA willing to commit \$2 million in loan and \$3 million in grant funds if LPWWA can secure the additional funding of \$2- 2.5 million grant funds from another source(s). Cannot be another loan. LPWWA may consider looking to CDPHE, DOLA, La Plata County for potential grant funds.
 - ii) Mediation-set for 9/27/2021 at Amy’s office 8:45 am. We will video conference with the mediator in separate conference rooms. Board needs to authorize Mardi & Frank to negotiate on behalf of the Board to find resolution within the mediation. A motion, second and vote will be sought through electronic communication.
 - iii) Prosecution- legal action- gate situation-Information given to Montezuma County- pictures of the gates as they were prior to theft.
- b) Site work update and trailer set-up, good to go- Need invoice for office trailer from NECA. Check on permits with NM DOT and CDOT to transport. Quote for tie downs and blocking trailer set up is \$2,500.

Adjourn at 7:32pm

Minutes as reported by Frank Smith, substitute secretary.

Approved on 10-13-2021



This Agenda may be amended prior to the meeting as allowed by law. The most current agenda will be posted on the Board's website at <http://lpwwa.org/agendas.php>. Prior to voting to go into Executive Session, the Board will declare the topic(s) of the Executive Session pursuant to § 24-6-402, C.R.S. It is anticipated that any marked () agenda items may be discussed in Executive Session and acted on by the Board at this meeting. Any action taken by the Board will occur in regular session, open to the public. The Board may address the agenda in any order to accommodate the needs of the Board and the audience.*