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

The Board of Directors of the La Plata West Water Authority held a regular meeting open to the public Wednesday, September 8th, 2021, at 6:30 pm, live at the Hesperus Fire Station, located at 22868 Highway 140, Hesperus, CO 81326, and via FreeConferenceCall.com. In attendance were: Mardi Gebhardt, Barb McCall, Bernadette Cuthair, Paul Gray, Frank Smith, Kevin Mallow, Aaron Preator, and Dave Marsa.

- 1. Call to Order at 6:41 pm by Mardi.
- 2. Roll Call: See attendance above.
- 3. Approve Agenda: One addition to add in Item 5 in the agenda for the stolen gate. A **MOTION** was made by Paul; seconded by Bernadette; all approved.
- 4. Office Site: Progress update from contractor via Mardi reported that they are waiting on electrician to approve electric so that Trautner engineer can approve septic installation. La Plata County ARPA funds and email from Commissioner Porter notified us of funding possibilities for the water dock, and that we should apply. Mardi preparing the document.
- 5. Phase 1 Update: Dave Marsa provided operator's report including flushing, complaint for dirty tasting water at the FLM school, hookups, and discussion included options for avoiding problems in the future for larger consumption customers. Kevin and Mardi reported on the CR 210 Pipeline Culvert update stating that Canyon Construction could readdress the issue late fall or winter. Kevin reported that the Bureau of Reclamation was wanting to know the progress and seemed ok with the timeframe. Mardi will ask for a formal bid for the work. The old gate for the intake access road has been located, and reported to the LPC Sheriff, was investigated with some vague information and holdback of information of the folks investigated. Gate can be obtained unless we want to press charges. Mardi will inquire with Sheriff deputy about this possibility. A MOTION was made by Kevin to pursue pressing charges with requesting restitution with the District Attorney; seconded by Paul; all approved.
- 6. Phase 2 Update: Up-date submission USDA with Colin and Duane Dale will be on Teams online meeting on Friday, September 10, 2021, at 2pm.
- 7. Comments and Communications: Mardi reported that there is an issue between buyer and seller on a particular property with a meter appurtenance already installed, but the verbiage was left out of the contract. Buyer and seller responsibilities were discussed, as well as other water providers policies, and thoughts that we should present the issue to Amy for clarification of real estate laws. Other potential buyers' inquiries, closings, hookups, a refund, and a transfer were brought to the board's attention, as well as additional communications for Phase One rectifications by WCC. An accessory subscription was discussed that exists and will require another meter to be set near the original meter, and a new line to attach to other home. Service review for capacity has been performed and is sufficient. Usage by a larger customer has created some questions for capacity as they are requesting 4600 gallons per month. To meet this need we would need to install a larger line, and/or a tank for additional capacity. Mardi sent a letter to Colin Daly for consideration. Electrification of tank area would be helpful as suggested by Dave to enable tank upgrades for future mixers, etc.
- 8. Minutes Approval: Meeting minutes for August 11, 2021; a **MOTION** was made by Paul to accept minutes as presented; seconded by Aaron; all approved.
- 9. Financial reports: Deb not present so Mardi reported new invoices that were received since Tuesday's posting of the consent agenda from LPEA, (and dividing them up with LDWA for the intake and booster stations), Marsa billing, audit invoice, etc. P&L Reported by Mardi and Accounts Receivable were posted by Deb. Approve Consent agenda: A **MOTION** was made by Paul with additional invoices; seconded by Frank; all approved. A Budget Committee was formed with members of Frank, Paul, Deb, Mardi, and Aaron in preparation of next month's meeting.
- 10. New and Old Business: R&Rs recommendations from committee; Barb has not completed recommendations from previous and would like to request a committee meeting to work on accompanying tables. Committee to reconvene soon.
- 11. 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. as above: NOT USED.
- 12. Other Business: Sending get well cards/notes to some community members that have largely involved in water out here.
- 13. Next meeting date: regular board meeting set for October 13, 2021, to address budget for 2022.
- 14. Adjourned by Mardi at 7:43 pm. Respectfully Submitted,

Barb McCall

LPWWA Board Secretary

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