

MEWA Board Agenda  
Saturday March 2, 2024  
9:00 AM MDT via Zoom or Ross Wellhouse

Paul Terranova, President - Zoom  
Chris Brandewie, Vice President - Zoom  
Steve Kearn, Operations and Facilities - Zoom  
Brent Groenke, Operations and Facilities - Absent  
Lora Flinn, Secretary - Zoom  
Roberto Van de Wyngard, Treasurer – Absent  
Stacey Stultz, Bookkeeper - Zoom

**Call to order:** 0907

**Additions/changes to the agenda:** None

**Approval of Feb 10, 2024 board meeting minutes:** Chris motions to approved, Steve seconds. The board votes to adopt the minutes from the last meeting.

**Financial report & collections of A/R; payments of A/P:** Stacey and Roberto have verified emails and phone number. Roberto has a final letter which can be sent out as a certified letter for any unpaid fees if notification by email is unanswered.

Brent will start doing meter readings in April and he will communicate with Stacey for billing. Stacey will try to create a QuickBooks automated invoice option for bill pay. Board also discuss a tab on the website for bill pay to streamline the process.

**2024 billing status for Q1-2024; status of quick-link on website to pay:** 90% of quick links have been viewed if not once multiple times. Some have paid and others have not. Stacey will send a blast reminder out through QuickBooks.

**A/R collection status (emails/phone calls/letters to 90+ days overdue accounts):** Stacey will send a reminder blast.

**Water court attorney invoice for Jan 2024:** \$473 Paul proposes MEWA pay the fee to the water attorney to wrap up their work on our augmentation plan. Any comments are due March 8<sup>th</sup> and then the water referee hearing is March 12<sup>th</sup>. MEWA anticipates 1-2 more invoices to the water attorney.

Financial Working Group update – status of Donna Driscoll CPA services for 2023 taxes: Stacey has sent over several document for the taxes. Stacey is working with Donna on any concerns and additional documents needed.

Paul discussed that QuickBooks is set up to send out a pledge rather than an invoice or a bill. Paul will send out a consent contact communication explaining this wording to the members to reduce confusion.

Stacey is also working with Will on the website to set up a quick link for a payment option.

**Status: meter distribution & readings:** Brent will be taking meter reading in April. This data will be transmitted to Stacey for billing.

Brent also did get a broken part for an aqua flow device so he did get that part and we can get that unit back into operation.

**Website, SCADA technology, water quality updates:** Steve reports on the SCADA. I know there's been no changes. I look at it like twice a day normally and the system operates flawlessly.

## **MEWA equipment and property disposition:**

### **Twin Lakes Reservoir & Canal Company:**

Have a disposition or water certificate reissuance is scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> from Twin Lakes Reservoir and Canal as I mentioned augmentation plan update the water referee hearing March 12<sup>th</sup> and oppose our comments due March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Mt Massive 500' line extension PLUS 720' loop closure – (partnered project with Metro District for road)** Mount massive going to the east, we are going to do the 500 foot line extension plus the 700 20 foot closure to complete that loop the mountain massive to help loop. Discussed road work with the metro district on Mt Massive.

**378 Fir 300' line extension (2024)** – property owner has not committed

**350' Hemlock line extension (2024)** – property owner has committed Off the is a new closure extension that's a go we'll be sending a commitment letter to the property owner this week

**Bednarcik curb stop on Spruce (lot 138 Unit A)** – Is a go.

### **4<sup>th</sup> well planning:**

#### **Backup well power capabilities**

**Four proposed flush locations to remove fine sediment & rocks (getting concepts/estimates from Werderitch)**, can also use flush water to fill water truck to avoid discharge into USFS land and for summer road dust control.

**Pipe/valve/materials inventory for 2024 work;** order as needed Let's talk about Forth well planning and backup power capabilities first or we talk about the 4<sup>th</sup> well planning were discussed.

Steve suggests a backup generator at each location. Financially not feasible. A portable generator may be an option.

A well run off of a generator's we would need to do some pre-wiring and we need to look at that this summer to see what can be done, what size generator might be needed. With a small enough generator, we could just purchase one and put it on a small trailer and haul it around. We just need to remind everybody that you know only use water sparingly. We could go for many days without running out of water with the tank capacities that we have if people listen and use water sparingly.

In the summertime we run around 25,000 gallons a day. With regular usage we would have two days but again if we lost power everybody would have to understand and watch water usage. No washing dogs or cars.

An extended power outage I mean it would probably be regional and generators probably would be rented quickly. And what does our emergency plan consist of? Are we checking street by street making sure our neighbors are OK or do we I mean are we just working on the water system.

The requirement with USDA is just the water system. And a way to make sure people know and will help. The board will continue to discuss this. As a rule, residents should keep extra water on hand for emergencies anyway.

**Future Well and augmentation plan:** After our augmentation plan gets approved then that's the time to start engaging formal engineering for that as well as a well permit application. We will then start getting cost estimates for that.

### **The board discusses flush locations:**

One at the far end of Mount Hope which borders US Forest Service land. And we need the order right to discharge water around somebody's property. This in turn might be an opportunity for us to capture the water in a water truck and water then from a water truck could be used for dust mitigation or other uses. As we work through these flush locations, particularly the ones that border far service land to have that capability of not just right flushing it onto the ground but put it in a water truck.

**Source Water Protection (SWP) Grant/EPA Lead & Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR), CDPHE portal access, ERP/VA:**

Property you got the CDP portal access. Chris and Jeremy are on that and can now download all the previous lead and copper samples. Chris and Jeremy can now submit all state required lead and copper reports.

Board discusses the previous lead and copper lines. Any new home is going to be led free. Some of the older homes may have lead in the pipes but Chris will follow up with Jeremy on this and place in an ongoing file for the EPA.

**Other Topics:**

The county made their short-term rental policies they voted and approved that so that's on their website. Pan Ark has some Short-term rentals. The other issues covered were seepage pits and getting them up to code.

The ongoing application for to restart the Leadville Mill and using sodium cyanide. This is the second or 3<sup>rd</sup> round of application for it. This came through the ERP and obviously septic contamination is a concern because this would be upstream of us. If there was ever a leak or discharge that comes down the Arkansas River. right Those impacts could be to underground water supply. There's an opportunity to comment on the application for that and there's a website for concerned citizens for Lake County any discussion on this topic.

David Wilson, Lake County is the contact for any realtor or home buyer seeking information on county building codes, development codes and septic requirements.

Pan Ark lots typically go to the middle of the roadway there's a road in utility easement typically 30 feet so that that reduces the effective footprint of their property. Set back septic requirements have gotten stricter overtime. Pan Ark lots run anywhere from .46 to point 3 acres the full foot footprint less the setbacks for the road and utility easements. The realtors and the buyers may want to look at the general info the FAQ tab already information about buying two .

**Annual Meeting scheduled for Sat July 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am at Fire Station II to include new Board member elections:**

Constant Contact monthly MEWA message, Leadville Mill proposal: <https://www.cc4lc.org/call-to-action-toolkit>

Next meeting: Sat April 13<sup>th</sup>

Adjourn: 1008

Respectfully,  
Lora Flinn, Secretary