

MEWA Board Meeting MINUTES

Time: Feb 18, 2023 10:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Call to order

- board members present: Steve, Roberto, Nick, Jeff

Additions/changes to the agenda

- Report from Roberto

Approval of January 21, 2023 meeting minutes

- Roberto moved approval, Steve 2nd, Approved.

Executive Director report: Jeff

- Review of frozen pipe issue on west Mt Elbert
 - Jeff: into house is typical freeze point. Ice can expand into mainline. Enough flow and it will not freeze main. Pre-2000 line on west Mt Elbert. Mt Elbert has been graded down and main is more shallow now. Early curb stops were deep but main was shallow.
 - Patrick owns lot to the west and might build a garage.
- Paul Terranova's report on his freezeup
 - Tues Feb 7, shut water, RV antifreeze in traps, return Feb 13 and no water.
 - Called several plumbers and asked Dan Duran to make electric connection and he was unable to make this work. \$250 cost. Dan confirmed no metal pipe.
 - Stuart Brown provided steamer.
 - Father Ed allowed us to check his water on west end of Mt Elbert and it was running.
 - Paul got 75 foot tube Thursday to get steamer to curb stop.
 - Meredith (wife) purchased a larger capacity steamer. One Stuart has is smaller and works better than Wagner. Paul has 3/8 inch tube now.
 - If line had fractured tons of water would have been lost on south side.
- Changes to summer projects 2023 to address frozen pipes will be big topic next couple months.
 - Steve: We need to find another Jeff. Jeremy might be that person. Jeff mentioned how we need to take care of our needs personally. Getting young board members is essential. Maybe go to a bigger board.

New website: Steve, Nick, Jeff

- New website link: <https://www.mountelbertwater.org/>
- Discussion of board working session with Will on February 4, 2023
- Using Google Drive for board documents
 - Nick will send simple instructions for board members on using it.

- Will Coleman as our tech guru who will handle all issues with our email, website, etc.

Gator update: Brent and Jeff

- Insurance
 - Our insurance costs are increasing as we become more advanced, new gear, piping, value of the system. Our insurance jobber is ok. Might shop around. Jeremy is an employee. Insurance needs to have training system for Gator.
 - Shed to put Gator in Chris W might be able to build it for us. Tuff Shed might work. Need to set on concrete pad. I'll talk to Dennis about the shed. Stick built we will get what we want.
- Chains to be bought and installed.

Inviting others to our board meetings

- Jeremy and Tony should be invited to meetings.

Agenda items for March 2023 meeting

- Next MEWA board meeting March 11, 2023, 10am, Ross and Zoom

Adjourn 11:10am MST.