

MEWA Meeting Minutes

Mount Elbert Water Association Board Meeting 2025

Tuesday, February 4th, 2025, 5:35 PM MST

Zoom or Ross Well House in Twin Lakes, CO 81251

ATTENDEES:

Brian Nevans, President, Zoom

Chris Brandewie, Vice President, Zoom

Olivia Brandt, Secretary, Zoom

Paul Terranova, General Manager, Zoom

Laurie Dusenberry, Treasurer, Zoom

Brent Groenke, System Operations and Maintenance, Absent

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Call to order: 5:35 PM

Additions/changes to the agenda

General:

Brian, Paul

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1. Approval of board meeting minutes from January 7, 2025. - Approved.
 2. General Manager updates.
 - a. Q4 Meter readings for invoices and tracking high usage customers (possible leaks).
 - b. Feilding buyer questions - line extensions, connection costs, etc.
 - i. No confirmed transactions yet.
 - c. Hutzinger Well Heater issue resolved today 02/04.
 - d. Annual Meeting reserved for July 19th Fire Station. Updates to follow.
 - e. Drafted an updated line extension policy for review. Provide feedback so that hopefully at the March board meeting we can vote on it for approval.

Financial Reports:

Paul, Laurie

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1. IS, BS, SOCF through January 2025, A/R aging (*through Feb 1st*).
 2. 2024 taxes in progress - Engaging Onward & Upward PC (Trevor Hunt).
 3. Q4 invoicing & 2025 Annual Membership: collection of A/R ongoing (approx 40 still owe) \$13k vs \$34k Feb 2024
 4. A/P: \$3140 to Monson, Cummins, Shohet & Farr; \$1724 to BBA, both Augmentation Plan - Approved.
 5. Pelino, Inc: Werderitch owes them \$3300 for materials/hauling from 2024 Mt Massive line work (Pelino provided material and hauling) - MEWA decision pending
 6. Interim Treasurer Position appointment: Laurie Dusenberry IAW MEWA Bylaws Section 5.5 - Board Approved. Welcome Laurie!

Well Pumping & Meter Readings:**Brent, Paul**

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1. Website, SCADA technology, water quality updates: Will, Tony, Jeremy(*ORC: Operator in Responsible Charge*). PFAS testing Jeremy. SCADA transition meeting from EPPI to Blackbird TBD next week.
 2. Blackbird Electric repaired Huntzinger heater today 02/04 (exhaust motor and blower motor fan blades).
 3. January 2025 was out of the ordinary: pumping volumes are up 42% vs Jan 2024 (and Jan 2023), with an average daily volume of 24,500 gpd. That's our highest monthly average since July 2023.

MEWA Equipment and Property:**Brent, Brian**

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1. Augmentation Plan amendment update:
 - a. Comment Resolution mtg with Aurora Feb 11, 2025
 - b. Revised ruling/MEWA responses due NLT Feb 24th, 2025.
 - c. Next status conference: March 4th, 2025.
 2. Tank inspection 2025: proposal from Western Water Solutions being revised to include option for tank cleaning.
 - a. Cleaning and inspection of wells should be scheduled to align in the future.

Line Extensions and Replacements:**Brent, Brian, Paul**

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1. Schedule of work for 2025: investigate 2 leak locations ASAP in spring, #1 system priority
 2. List of Repairs/Extensions:
 - a. 400' Lodgepole line extension + curb stop (Heckendorn) - 2025
 - b. 750' Mt Massive line extension Phase 2 - 2025
 - c. 250' Spruce line replacement – MEWA funded - 2025
 3. 2025 Curb Stop Installations:
 - a. Larsen 474 Peak View curb stop - 2025
 - b. Walker/Young 470 Juniper curb stop - 2025
 - c. Kirkpatrick 550 Juniper curb stop - 2025
 - d. Heart 160 Peak View curb stop - 2025 (maybe 2 pending ADU application)
 - e. Brennan 701 Peak View curb stop - 2025
 - f. Duncan 398 Peak View curb stop - 2025
 - g. Cedar/Spruce & Cedar/Ponderosa (far east end) valve riser repair work- 2025
 - h. Repair leaking Test Hydrant #2 west end of Juniper (currently turned off) - 2025
 4. 2025 work
 - a. Address suspected underground line leaks on Sequoia and San Isabel

- b. Repair 2 test hydrants and valve risers in 2 locations
- c. Perform routine scheduled tank cleaning and inspection on all 3 storage tanks
- d. Install approximately 1400 LF of 6" water line extension and/or line replacement on Lodgepole, Mt Massive, and Spruce to include possible new fire hydrant
- e. Install an estimated 6 to 10 new residential curb stops and water taps
- f. Start making improvements to MEWA's SCADA computer system and backup power capabilities

Fire Hydrants & Life Safety:

Brian, Paul

- 1. GM to install hydrant markers summer 2025.
- 2. Place boulders on Mt Hope/Twin Peaks utility easement; move extra rocks at end of La Plata Peak - 2025
- 3. Possible new fire hydrant location vicinity Lodgepole and Cedar (far east end)

CRWA

Chris

- 1. The 5th CRWA Source Water Protection Workshop is February 24th, 2025 at 5:00pm. (include Jeremy as resource/speaker).
- 2. Emergency response plan for MEWA could be updated pending new language from CRWA Source Water Protection Workshop..

Misc:

Paul, Olivia

- 1. Next Constant Contact MEWA message for February. Aqua freeze, Q4 billing, CRWA Source workshop, lake comprehensive - twin lakes kick off, annual meeting save the date July 19th - more room than last year, next board meeting info, building.
 - a. Items to include: unpaid bills from January accruing \$25/month late fees
 - b. Website updates - meeting minutes & newsletter
 - c. Lake County Comprehensive Plan: Twin Lakes kickoff at Fire Station II Wed Feb 5th 5:30pm <https://onecommunityproject.com/events/>
- 2. Next board meeting - schedule. (*March 11th 5:30PM*)

Adjourn 6:33 PM Tuesday, February 4th, 2025
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Respectively,
Olivia Brandt, Secretary