

## **MEWA Meeting Minutes**

Mount Elbert Water Association Board Meeting 2025

Monday May 12th, 2025, 5:30 PM MST

Zoom or Ross Well House in Twin Lakes, CO 81251

### **ATTENDEES:**

Brian Nevans, President, Absent

Chris Brandewie, Vice President, Zoom

Olivia Brandt, Secretary, Zoom

Laurie Dusenberry, Treasurer, Zoom

Paul Terranova, General Manager, Zoom

Brent Groenke, System Operations and Maintenance, Absent

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Call to order: 5:33 PM

Additions/changes to the agenda: None.

### **General:**

**Brian, Paul**

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1. Approval of board meeting minutes from April. - APPROVED with edits noted.
  2. General Manager updates.
    - a. Field work head start - making good progress.

### **Financial Reports:**

**Paul, Laurie**

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1. IS, BS, SOCF through April 2025, A/R aging (*through May 10th*).
  2. **Propose a water certificate "buyback" pilot program that would function something like this:** vacant lot owner who is building would still purchase a water certificate from MEWA for the \$17,500 going-rate as they do now. MEWA would then "buyback" an existing water certificate from someone looking to sell theirs at a discounted rate [thinking right now anywhere from \$10k to \$15k] and officially revoke it. (*There are 2 people that I know of that are looking to sell their extra water certificate. Right now, 387 of the 400 water certs are spoken for, though with approval of the Aug Plan Amendment being imminent see below this will jump from 400 to 600.*) - Next steps TBD
  3. **Augmentation Plan update:** Status meeting with judge to be scheduled in next couple of weeks. Once we have a final decree for entry, the referee will sign it, then the judge will sign it after a 21-day waiting period.
    - a. Following that signing, MEWA will approve new usage rates for Q3 & Q4 2025 to include an optional irrigation surcharge at the June meeting.
  4. Amend SCADA upgrade proposal from Blackbird to include programming work at \$200/hr. Project management/documentation rate to remain at \$165/hr.

- a. MEWA working on protocol for FD to fill up tenders. Isolation valves would close and allow time to determine if it's a fire or a line break. SCADA will conduct further testing and following that, FD will be brought out.
  - b. Updated proposal + invoice - APPROVED.
- 5. 2024 taxes filed by Upward & Onward!
- 6. Approval to negotiate and execute bookkeeping proposal from Upward & Onward PC starting June 1, 2025. - APPROVED.
  - a. Transition plan is under development for Upward & Onward PC to take over MEWA accounting.

**Well Pumping & Meter Readings:**

**Brent, Paul**

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- 1. Website, SCADA technology, water quality updates: Will, Blackbird, Jeremy(*ORC: Operator in Responsible Charge*). SCADA ISO valve contingency plan ("Got Leak? Response plan) underway. PFAS testing Jeremy, updates are pending.
    - a. Response plan - automated system that can send out alerts to the overall system.
    - b. Meeting at 10:30 05/13 Tuesday w/ Jeremy CDPHE.
  - 2. Curb stop turn on/off permission requests: 8 received to date and requested photos of curb stop location and then will verify functionality.
  - 3. Well pumping: April was just under 20,000 gpd, which is MUCH less than March but 30% more than April of 2024 on account of a driveway customer service line break and the Juniper line break.
    - a. MEWA is determining where the losses are happening.

**MEWA Equipment and Property:**

**Brent, Brian**

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- 1. Winwater orders for saddles, ball valves, gate valve extension rods and valve box lids in progress.
  - 2. Metron order for 30 more residential water meters in progress.
  - 3. Lowe's order for foam board insulation and 4" PVC supplies in progress.
  - 4. Proposed cost-sharing for materials (hoses) on account of the Mt Elbert line freeze to temporarily provide water from the Ross well house.
    - a. Third winter that this line has froze - homeowner proposed some cost sharing for implications. - TBD cost sharing, review receipts/agreement next board meeting.
  - 5. CDPHE sanitary survey scheduled for Tuesday May 13th at 10:30am

**Line Extensions and Replacements:**

**Brent, Brian, Paul**

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- 1. Schedule of work for 2025

2. 1 new curb stop on Parry Peak to be scheduled. TNT working on Mt Massive line extension/loop closure last week and this week. Next work after that will be gate valve repair work starting on San Isabel and then to Gold and then to Silver.
3. List of Repairs/Extensions/Improvements:
  - a. 750' Mt Massive line extension Phase 2 (IN PROGRESS)
  - b. Frozen Mt Elbert line 3rd year - line replacement/valves at Ross well house where it connects with Mt.Elbert. It might be too shallow and not insulated, add insulation and deepen. Mt Elbert may have lost some road cover over time and that may have contributed to it freezing.
  - c. 250' Spruce line replacement – MEWA funded - TBD
  - d. Back-up power disconnects for Ross and Huntzinger well houses (Blackbird), dual fuel generators from SWP grant.
  - e. Tank inspections & cleaning 2025: *July 21 - Aug 1st*
4. 2025 Curb Stop Installations:
  - a. Larsen 474 Peak View curb stop - DONE
  - b. Heart 160 Peak View + ADU curb stops (2) - DONE
  - c. Brennan 701 Peak View curb stop - DONE
  - d. Duncan 398 Peak View curb stop - DONE
  - e. Cedar/Spruce & Cedar/Ponderosa (far east end) valve riser repair work - DONE
  - f. Repair Test Hydrant at west end of Mt Elbert - TBD

## Events

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1. BOCC work session for Lake County Water Resources Tuesday May 13th at 1pm
  2. Lake County Wildfire Resilience Fair Wed May 14th 6-8pm at Fire Station II
  3. CUP 24-03 Planning Commission hearing Wed May 28th for Gravel & Sand processing & hauling on to CR10, petition link: <https://chnng.it/fgBJBhvsDy> Review of Titan Au's proposed Augmentation Plan 25CW3012 filed April 22, 2025 for impact to MEWA wells. Will consult with Lake County on their findings. Comment/statement of opposition due end of June.
  4. FOTL (Friends of Twin Lakes) bear-proof garbage bin survey for their grant application due May 21: share <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BSV9Y5Z> Email [friendsoftwinlakes@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftwinlakes@gmail.com) for more info. (through Colorado Parks and Wildlife).

## Misc:

Paul, Olivia

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1. Next Constant Contact Content-
    - a. Billing Reminder
    - b. Water Usage & Leaks - pumping volumes
    - c. Annual meeting save the date July 19th.
    - d. FOTL questionnaire.
    - e. Share the petition link - CUP 24-03.
    - f. Next board meeting info.

- g. Board member elections: full time Twin Lakes residents preferred.  
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    - i. Vice President - position.
    - ii. Operations and Maintenance - position.
- \*Share later this week\*
- 2. Website updates - April meeting minutes
  - 3. Next board meeting - schedule. June 10th Tuesday tentatively.

Adjourn 6:23 PM Monday, May 12th, 2025  
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Respectively,  
Olivia Brandt, Secretary