

MEWA Board Agenda
Saturday January 13, 2024
9:00 AM MDT via Zoom or Ross Wellhouse

Paul Terranova, President - Zoom
Chris Brandewie, Vice President - Zoom
Steve Kearns, Operations and Facilities - Zoom
Brent Groenke, Operations and Facilities - Zoom
Lora Flinn, Secretary - Zoom
Roberto Van de Wyngard, Treasurer – Zoom
Stacey Stultz – Accounting – Absent due to technical issue

Call to order: 0905

Additions/changes to the agenda: Water certificate/line extension fee request: Robert Vining (66 Mt Elbert-lot 108, 67 Parry Peak-lot 153, 47 Parry Peak- Motino by Paul. Second Roberto - To be discussed in special session.

Approval of Dec 16, 2023 board meeting minutes: Roberto move to approve, Lora seconds – Approved.

Financial report & collections of A/R; payments of A/P: Roberto & Stacy

Stacey is working on invoices. And other transfers in the works.

Like to make it also to modify Stacy's contract to stay that she needs to be at our financial portion of the board meeting also to provide us no later than the mandate before the Saturday board meeting or Wednesday before the board the board meeting with the monthly reports of the previous month so it would be asking every month.

Board members suggests giving Stacey until Wednesday. Mondays are typically very busy.

A/R collection status: Aging report discussed. Roberto discussed the outstanding accounts.

Payment to BBA Water Consultants invoice for Dec 2023: \$409 – Board approves augmentation plan to be paid

Payment to water court attorney Dec 2023: The amount is \$1950 owed. Board approves this amount to be paid.

A/P: Nothing further

Financial Working Group update – CPA for 2023 taxes – Board suggest option for a CPA. Lora suggests we will need someone who has a liability insurance in case a question comes up.

The board will continue to search for a CPA.

Roberto discusses the bank accounts – Income operating expenses including sample testing, Capital improvement funds and the miscellaneous improvement account. The board gets monthly updates from Roberto and Stacey on all accounts.

Chris shows examples of line items through the years example for the budget. We will be able to see years past compared to other years. Roberto will use this and add it to this year's budget model.

Jeremy continues to sample test site throughout the subdivision. Steve gets the lab results every month. Steve reports that we pass every month.

Adjust system operator salary discussed. This will be added into the budget.

Roberto will verify systems operator and quality testing operator amounts for the budget to be compared to contacts moving forward.

Roberto will talk with Jeremy and Stacey on the correct numbers for the operator's salary. Salary, quality testing and system operator duties.

Status: baseline meter reading & meter distribution – Brent did base line water readings in January. MEWA now has some dad on water usage. 66 property owners left to pick up meters and have them install. 157 have been distributed.

Website, SCADA technology, water quality updates: Systems operating well.

MEWA equipment and property disposition: Augmentation plan. Amended update – Opposition comments are open until March 8th. Water referee is scheduled for March 12th.

Twin Lakes Reservoir & Canal Company: Annual meeting Mon Jan 22; Twin Lake secretary will act as proxy at this meeting. MEWA Water certificate reassurance is scheduled for March 8th. Public notices have been going out for that meeting.

378 Fir 300' line extension (2024) – Property owner has not committed to this yet. Paul is in the process of contacting the adjacent property owners on Mt Massive about line extension participation by these owners. Which will include curb stops at the time of that construction.

Other candidate improvements (Spruce, Cedar): Currently this is a 3 in PVC pipe. In order to install a hydrate, it needs to be 6-inch pipe. The board will continue to work on plans for this extension and line improve

Four possible proposed flush locations to remove fine sediment & rocks: Board will get estimates on this improvement. Flush value cost is \$ 600 - \$800. Hydrate cost is \$1500. Flush valves lower in the system may be better and cheaper than a hydrate due to the rocks that tend to be flushed though the system.

Pipe/valve/materials inventory for 2024 work; order as needed – Steve said facility has already looked at the pipe and valves on hand. Facility will look at what may be needed for the coming season of installation.

Pan Ark Estates Metro District Road Regulations (and MEWA/Pan Ark encroachment policy) approved Jan 2, 2024 – Road regulations were approved and the Pan Ark Road encroachment policy approved. The 2 documents will be combined and this is being finalized.

Lake County held their short-term rental townhall. The presentation is on their website.

Continued discussion on paid position to manage facilities and equipment, plan improvements and repairs, etc. – Steve mentioned Brent may be interested in this position. Further discussion is needed to flush out the details of this position. Paul, Steve and Chris will seat down with Brent and work though the expectations and the job details. Decision to be TBD.

Source Water Protection (SWP) Grant/Lead & Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR): Chris sent an email to contact at Colorado Rural water to ask for a date on the field visit. Waiting for a reply. Chris, Brent and Paul will be present for the field visit. Chris did not have further information on Lead and Copper Rule revision.

Paul adds that Jeff is updating maps and this will be his last official contribution. But Jeff will be available for any future planning concerns.

Other topics – Annual meeting – July 20th @10am Picnic later in the year to dedicate the new pavilion. Paul will reach out to the fire department to use the South Fire House conference room.

Board discusses the current meter reading effort. Brent is able to read the meters and forwards the information on to Stacey. Paul has sent out emails from the last constant contact to members who have not picked up their meter or we were unable to detect their meter. All installed meters are being read without issue with the exception of one.

Next meeting – Feb 10th at 9am – Chris sent out invite by zoom.

Adjourn - 1010

Respectfully,

Lora Flinn, Secretary MEWA