

**Rogers Mesa Domestic Water Company Annual Meeting
Minutes
January 13, 2020**

Minutes were approved by the members at the January 10, 2022 Annual Meeting. Due to Covid no meeting was held in January 2021

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

All board members present: Nicole Sacchitella, Ross Allen, Paul Schmucker, Dan Schultz-Ela, Cynthia Housewart.

Ross Allen led us in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Nicole initiated a roll call, determination of the quorum- 36 taps were present and the members introduced themselves.

Proof of Due Notice: The meeting notice appeared on the December and January bills as well as was published in the Delta County Independent. As stated in the by-laws, a quorum is defined as the members present.

Nicole introduced herself as the new president elected by the board after Wink moved off the mesa, appreciative of her good help on the board and Jim and Diane for their extensive work making the water company function.

Report of the Vice President: Paul gave his succinct report as vice president and water commissioner, that he was very optimistic because snowpack is at 60%, higher than the previous years.

Report of Board President and Secretary: Nicole reported as board president her commitment as new board president to continued listening to those who know better than her in order to continue to deliver clean, safe, reliable water to the membership. Nicole was also acting on behalf of Diane, the Board Secretary who was not able to be present at the meeting. She thanked CSU for the free use of their meeting space, as well as a reminder that the new billing system is a monthly membership due with quarterly overages assessed and that that would change once the remote read meters were all installed in the future. She also mentioned that updating the website is not working so the Hotchkiss Message Board on facebook will be used to report outages or repairs for the RMDWC.

Systems Engineer Report: Jim Firor gave updates for the 2019 year of repairs and maintenance on the system with a handout. The water tank was refurbished. The contractor said the tank should be good for another 10 years and that it could now last the company indefinitely with regular upkeep. Remote Read Meters are getting installed starting at the west end of the highway and once finished along the highway will work along 3100 road from north to south, will finish with J road and 3200 road.
-*Question from Membership "With remote read meters will members still be able to turn off water in case of emergency?" Jim responded that Yes members can turn off water at the meter themselves but to please be careful.

Report of the Treasurer: Dan brought a 3 year income and expenses report to share with the membership. His intention with the report this year was to highlight the changes in the 2019 year. He went over that membership fees and overages are up. "Other income" is late fees. Contract labor is up

with all of the repairs and scheduled maintenance in 2019. Depreciation reflects that the whole system is getting older. Legal and accounting fees has gone down because Diane is now doing it for the company. Payroll is up -Diane, Jim, more work and better pay. Repairs and maintenance went up this year, as per Jim's report. Big spending on repairs and maintenance included the purchase of remote read meters, pumphouse metering, J Roard Vault and pressure reducing valves and the water tank refurbishment project. Originally years ago the company had kept in mind that a new tank was going to cost \$600,000 and that is part of why the company was hanging on to so much money, then the refurbishment went from a \$300,000 project to a \$69,000 project actually and now the life of the tank is indefinitely extended and therefore has been quite the savings and the board feels good about continuing to spend money on projects that proactively extend and better the life of the water delivery system. He asked the question, without the big projects "Are we breaking even?" that we are indeed covering our costs with fees without including the big repair/maintenance projects. The company's financial balance goes up so that it can make repairs.

Water Quality Report: Cassandra Shenk gave a report on water quality. The focus of the company is clean water, safe drinking water and compliance. She explained that the system is a consecutive system on top of Hotchkiss, and that the water comes from Leroux Creek. The system going from source to the handling and treatment of the water to each member's tap. RMDWC complies with the state guidelines, by sampling each month for bacteria, and sampling twice per year for lead and copper. Quarterly she collects samples for disinfection by-products in order to detect things that cannot be tested for. As far as regulating fire retardants which get into the system the state has released \$500,000 to sample for it and Cassandra would like to take samples for that. Jim asked Cassandra if tank mixing is a good way to reduce disinfection byproducts, Cass was unsure. Jim replied that the board has ordered a mixer for the tank to prevent thermal stratification- warm water floating on top of cold water unmixed can cause problems which eat up chlorine residual, and he will be installing this mixer ASAP.

-Steve Ela asked Cass/ the board that Food Safety requires irrigation water to be tested, do we test for the same things? Cass said Hotchkiss does, therefore RMDWC does by default and referred him to Mike Owens with the test system information.

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: Nicole realized the board had skipped over reading the minutes. The members read over the minutes, Ross made a motion to approve the minutes, Louis Ketchum seconded, all in favor and none opposed.

***Old Business:** Question on the previous years discussion about hydrants, "Why are some facing fields and which hydrants have water/ample water running to them?"

Jim answered that curb fittings make some of the hydrants face different directions and that red hydrants work, black ones do not, and then Chuck Sheldon who is very knowledgeable about hydrants is helping him rehabilitate and check over the RMDW hydrant system.

Paul answered that the fire department is getting with the board to map and look at all of the hydrants. Ross reiterated "Who pays?" and that it is agreed that the water company and all of its members share the cost of fighting fires because the company still pays for the extra water to fight fires but does not charge the member whose house was on fire.

Paul wanted to let the members know that the fire department currently has "favorite hydrants" where they fill up and fill water tanks to fight fires.

Jim responded that the issue is that it seems the old company didn't think about fire suppression when building the system and that has to be remedied now.

Paul responded that the fire department knows more about the system than we do, we have to partner with them for help.

Nicole replied that she heard the concern in the membership, she herself has an unusable fire hydrant in

front her home which she heats solely with fire power, so she will take that into the board's priority list to get taken care of- the problem of non-working hydrants and mapping the hydrant system and rehabing the old hydrants- ASAP.

New Business: Three new taps were applied for and approved by the board: Seth Tribble, Elizabeth Olson, Greg Krush all received new taps.

There are two vacancies on the board, Ross elects Cynthia and Paul, Louis Ketchum seconds and all were in favor, none were opposed.

*Jeff (member) asked if Nicole is serving out Wink's term, the answer is yes.
There were no other questions.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45.