

Rogers Mesa Domestic Water Company
Annual Membership Meeting
January 9, 2023
Rogers Mesa Research Station

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm by Cynthia Houseweart, President

Ross Allen led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

Determination of Quorum - According to the By Laws, a quorum is defined as the members present at the meeting. There were 19 people present in the room. The people in the room represented 31 memberships and proxies had been submitted for an additional 26 memberships.

Proof of due notice. Meeting notices were published in the below manner.

- Delta County Independent January 3, 2023
- High Country Shopper online 12/27/2022, print 1/3/2023
- Letter mailed 12/20/2022

Approval of previous meeting's minutes

The minutes for last year's Annual, Meeting – January 10, 2022, were reviewed. Ross Allen made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and all were in favor. The minutes were approved.

Report of Board of Directors by the President. Cynthia Houseweart thanked Jim and Diane for their work keeping the system working. She also thanked contractors who had been invaluable in fixing leaks this past year – Kendall Excavating, , Enos Rubble and Lance McCann

The board of directors took two tours this past summer. One of them with Jim to see the system. The system consists of more than 26 miles of line, two-thirds of this is gravity feed and the remaining third is pumped, the water tank and pump house. The second tour was with Paul Schmucker to see the reservoir and delivery system for our water sources.

The website has been updated. It still needs a little more tweaking, but it is much more user friendly which will allow us to update it more frequently.

Paul Schmucker was ill and missed the meeting, but he wanted everyone to know that the snowpack is currently 150% of “normal” and the last time we had snow at this level was in 2011. In 2018, our worst year, the snow pack was only 11% at this time.

Report of the System Operator. We had 3 major breaks in the last year, one large crack in an 8” main and two smaller ones. These all seem to be due to rolled gaskets in pipe that were put together hastily.

Replaced a faulty master meter on 3000 Road with a new valve.

Replaced all of the 2” copper plumbing in the pumphouse.

Added a touch screen monitor up in the building by the tank, so he can see what is happening at the pumps without driving back and forth.

He has been working with CDOT on the widening of the highway from the hill above Stengel’s to 3100 Road.

Report of Treasurer. Dan Schultz-Ela went over the financials in detail. The company is in good financial condition. We are fairly steady in our cash reserves. The categories in which we spend our money from year to year seems to vary a little bit, but the bottom line seems to remain fairly constant.

Report of the Secretary. Diane Perry reported the result of this year’s tap sale. The board voted in August to allow the sale of one new tap this year. Preference was given to people who had existing single-family homes that need to replace a well. This year the winner of the lottery was Susan Castle on 3000 Road north of the highway.

Unfinished business. No unfinished business

New business. Approval of changes to the By Laws. The board would like to change Article III, Section 7, item B to remove the specific amount to be paid for a tap. The board would like to be able to pay something closer to “market value” for taps. There are about 15 uninstalled taps and 26 taps that have been installed, but are not regularly used. By changing the amount that can be paid for these taps, the board is hoping to encourage some of these people to return their tap to the company. Ross Allen made a motion to approve the changes as written. The motion was seconded and all present were in favor.

Nominations for vacancies on the Board of Directors.

Ross Allen, Dan Schultz-Ela and David Altman are up for re-election and are willing to serve again.

Gregg Crush made a motion that all three board members be retained. The motion was seconded.

Election

Ross Allen, Dan Schultz-Ela and David Altman were retained as board members by unanimous vote.

Ross Allen went over the water distribution system a little bit and explained why we think the 2018 water shortage won't happen again. Jim Firor gave credit to the board for financing some of the improvements that are helping to secure our water source.

Dixie Kendall and Wendell Koontz both say that there is a lot of money available at the moment for irrigation related projects. Might be something the company should look into.

Gregg Crush made a motion that we adjourn. The motion was seconded and all present were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 pm.