



**DeWeese-Dye Ditch & Reservoir Company  
Board Meeting  
PO Box 759  
Cañon City, CO 81215**

**July 3, 2023**

**Call to Order:** President Bolkema called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Board Directors Present:**

Arlin Bolkema  
Leo French  
Kenn Estes  
Marc Thompson  
Bill Brogoitti

**Board Directors Absent:**

**Others Present:**

Austin Prendergast, Ditch Superintendent  
Annette Reed-Pugh, Secretary/Treasurer  
6 Shareholders

**Absent**

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the June 5, 2023 meeting were e-mailed prior to the meeting. All Board Directors indicated they had read the minutes. Director Thompson moved to accept the minutes, and Director Brogoitti seconded, all voted in favor.

**Financial Report:**

- **Presentation of the bills:**

The list of June bills was provided to the Board for review, and President Bolkema explained some of the charges. Vice President Estes moved to pay the bills, Director French seconded, and all voted in favor of the motion.

- **Balance Sheet and Income Summary:**

The financial reports were provided to the Board to review prior to the meeting, and anyone with questions were directed to speak with Secretary/Treasurer Reed-Pugh. There were no questions.

## Old Business:

- **Reservoir Extension Update:**

Feasibility Study: Email from Gracy with Upper Ark: would like to see if we can get a couple of things set up: First, we would like to see if we can get a call scheduled with Arlin, you (if avail), Terry, and I to talk about where we are with everything and what we would need to continue moving forward in looking at a potential enlargement. Preferably in the next 2 weeks. Second we need to set up a larger meeting, probably at your location we have used in the past, to do a final presentation of the Hazard Analysis to the group and wrap up the final pieces of that grant. This can be anytime in the next month or two. I know it is harder to get a time that works for your board in the summer.

- **BLM Grant Project Meeting:**

BLM Update email from Roy Smith: Here is a quick update for the board. Aaron and I plan to meet with Holly Loff, our proposed grant application expert, on July 13, to discuss logistics. We will discuss the likely cost for Holly's services, her availability to work on the project, and when she might be available for an initial meeting with the Deweese board. We will get back to you with potential dates for a meeting. Overall, our plan is work with Holly to prepare grant applications for submission by the February 15 CWCB deadline. Secretary/Treasurer Reed-Pugh suggested adding the reservoir liner costs (bentonite) to the grant funding request.

## New Business:

- **Secretary/Treasurer Business Items:** Secretary/Treasurer Reed-Pugh discussed business items and issues, and provided an update on receivables and financial reports. Rising costs of doing business are going up and administrative fees may need to be increased as a result.

- **Major Ditch Repairs:**

Superintendents Brogoitti and Prendergast provided an update. The Supers have been inundated with calls stemming from Shareholders not working together, and there have been a lot of complaints. Shareholders must CLEAN THEIR LATERALS, as a large amount of calls are due to the fact that Shareholders are not cleaning their laterals and being responsible for their water. The gate at Rick's pump has been replaced and disappeared a couple of times. The location at 1332 Poplar is now working well at 30 turns. Flooding has created huge issues and a ton of work, equal to the amount of work necessary to begin the season. A lot of the issues, again, are due to Shareholders not cleaning their own laterals. **SHAREHOLDERS: YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING YOUR OWN LATERALS, AS PER OUR BYLAWS!!!!!!!!!!!!** ByLaw changes were also discussed to address these issues by posing violation/fine costs to Shareholders who are not being responsible.

- **Ditch Superintendent Update:**

Superintendent Brogoitti provided an explanation of our water accounting from Jerry Livengood. We are doing very well in conserving the water this season so far:

1. Deweese used 173 a.f. out of storage for the month. June 2022 we used 608 a.f.
2. Due to record precip along the front range, Deweese came in priority to store, and stored 560 a.f. and filled and spilled.
3. We now have 644 a.f. of water in our native storage account. 2402 in our WW account, and 29 in project water account. (estimated).

**Kudos to Bill and the board for managing your water wisely.**

- **Shareholder Responsibilities/Violations:**

To all of our Shareholders: Please remember that YOU are responsible for cleaning your own laterals. Your laterals are NOT the responsibility of DeWeese Ditch or of the Superintendents! If you are not receiving water because you have not cleaned your laterals, that is not DeWeese's problem! If the fighting among Shareholders and lack of personal responsibility does not stop, we will be forced to either

terminate water delivery to you, or start charging you for the lack of maintenance of your lateral. You are affecting ALL Shareholders by not taking responsibility of your water!

- **Shareholder questions:** The floor was opened to shareholders questions and/or comments.
  - **Shareholder Crouch:** He is not receiving water. The gate is being adjusted up and down all the time by various Shareholders causing major issues in his ability to receive water. The line at the Elm Avenue Greenhouse needs repaired, but we cannot find where there are any other issues that would cause the lack of water to Shareholder Crouch's property. Again, Shareholders need to work TOGETHER to receive water. Adjusting the gate up and down to serve the purpose of one Shareholder is not okay, so whoever is adjusting the gate, please consider the other Shareholders you are affecting! Superintendents will look further into this matter to try and find a solution.
- **Other Business:**  
The floor was opened to other business. No other business was brought before the Board.

**Adjournment:** With no other business to consider, President Bolkema called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m., via a motion by Director Thompson, seconded by Director Brogoitti, and a unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Reed-Pugh  
Secretary/Treasurer