

Meeting Minutes

Mount Elbert Water Association Board Meeting 2024
Thursday, September 10th, 2024, 5:00 pm-6:00 pm
Zoom or Ross Well House in Twin Lakes, CO 81251

ATTENDEES:

Paul Terranova, President, Ross Well House
Chris Brandewie, Vice President, Zoom
Olivia Brandt, Secretary, Zoom
Brian Nevans, System Operations and Maintenance, Zoom

Call to order: 5:06 pm - 6:00 pm
Additions/changes to the agenda - NONE

General:

Paul

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1. Approval on compensation for board member-emeritus Steve Kearn for invaluable field work during the summer months. He will be compensated at \$100/week which may be a credit towards his quarterly water bill or around \$2,400/year. DONE
 2. Approval of board meeting minutes from August 8th, 2024 APPROVED - upload

Financial Reports (collections of A/R; payments of A/P)

Bonnie

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1. IS, BS, SOCF through August 2024, A/R aging (thru Sept 7th)
 2. Winwater 6" waterline delivery 3500 LF & other material items ~ \$60,000 in Aug, DONE.
 3. 2023 taxes due NLT Nov 15, 2024 (Donna Driscoll CPA) - IN PROGRESS
 4. Attorney letter to Stacy Stultz for access to mewabilling@gmail.com (still no communication there – member info on billing that we don't have access to)
 5. Terri started mewinvoice@gmail.com for MEWA Billing Dept. This address is reflected on the statements that go out in October.
 6. Q3 meter readings by Brent end of Sept, get file to Terri ASAP so invoices can go out NLT Thursday Oct 3rd!
 7. Water Certificate transfer for 4 properties are in progress; MEWA responsible for filing paperwork.

Well Pumping & Meter Status:

Paul, Brent, Brian

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1. Meter distribution only SIX meters left to distribute (5 in Unit A and 1 in Unit B). [Q4 Tier 3 rates \(usage w/o a meter\)](#) going up effective October 1, 2024.
 2. Website, **SCADA** technology, water quality updates: Will, Tony, Jeremy (*****acoustic leak detection starting with fire hydrants is in progress**).

3. Our 3 wells pumped 711,000 gallons of water in August 2024, which is a daily average of 23,000 gpd. This is about 1% MORE than Aug of 2023, which averaged 22,700 gpd. BUT, for May-June-July-Aug we are still 7% LESS than the same 4 months in 2023.

MEWA Equipment and Property:

Paul, Brent, Brian

1. Augmentation Plan amendment update: water referee status conference Sept 3th. Still waiting on Aurora comments. Next status conference Oct 29th at 11am.
2. Pavilion:
 1. New metal roof, fascia, soffits, paint at the MEWA picnic pavilion are done. Waiting on garage door delivery for installation. Thank you Steve & Clara!

Line Extensions Repairs, and Replacements:

Paul, Brent, Brian

1. We've outgrown the existing "Line Extension Fees Policy." New language on the website states "Please call 719-293-5787 to verify line extension amount." New policy to be drafted this fall/winter for 2025.
2. Overall, line extensions are almost 50% complete.
 - a. 500' Mt Massive line extension + curb stop (Stoltenberg) – DONE
*Note: MEWA will also close 720' loop on Mt Massive (partnered project with Metro District for road) - AFTER Lodgepole line extension is done
 - b. 350' 9 Hemlock line extension + curb stop (Fletcher) - WIP (~300' change order to close loop)
 - c. 400' 161 Aspen line extension + curb stop (Bowden) – GO (MEWA will also close 300' loop on Aspen)
 - d. 400' Lodgepole line extension + curb stop (Heckendorn) – GO
 - e. 250' Spruce line replacement – MEWA funded – GO (if time/weather allows)
3. Repair Work & Curb Stop Installations:
 - a. Heart 160 Peak View curb stop – GO
 - b. Larsen 474 Peak View curb stop - GO
 - c. Cedar/Spruce & Cedar/Ponderosa (far east end) valve riser repair work-TBD after line extensions
 - d. Repair leaking Test Hydrant #2 west end of Juniper (currently turned off)

Fire Hydrants & Life Safety:

Paul

1. Fire hydrant testing/certification **mid/late Sept** by Colorado Fire & Sprinkler – Next step after that is to paint the hydrant caps with colors that indicate their flow rate as such below and add 6' hydrant markers (flags) - in process of ordering from Pollard:
 - (1) Class AA — Light blue [1,500 GPM or greater]
 - (2) Class A — Green [1,000—1,499 GPM]
 - (3) Class B — Orange [500–999 GPM]
 - (4) Class C — Red [less than 500 GPM]* information provided by Colorado Fire Sprinkler Inc.

2. -place boulders on Mt Hope/Twin Peaks utility easement; move extra rocks at end of La Plata Peak - Fall/winter project
3. -well backup power capabilities (inquire with Tony & SDCEA), could be part of SWP grant.

SWP Grant, CDPHE portal, ERP/VA, CRWA Energy Audit:

Chris

1. ERP/VA – req. of USDA loan – shared with MEWA.
2. Colorado Rural Water Association site visit 8/30 with Logan Smith, discuss findings, fill out questionnaire, 3 stakeholder meetings TBD mid-October or later, stakeholder list.

General:

Paul, Brian, Olivia

1. General Manager position
 - a. Resignation of Paul Terranova as President IAW MEWA Bylaws Section 8. - APPROVED
 - b. Appointment of Brian Nevans as President IAW MEWA Bylaws Section 8.5 - APPROVED
 - c. Approval for Board to negotiate & execute General Manager contract with Paul IAW MEWA Bylaws 7.1(f) - APPROVED

Misc:

Paul, Olivia

1. Next Constant Contact monthly MEWA message for month of September (Olivia) to send out MEWA updates to community members.
2. MEWA apparel/jackets through Mammut. Get selection/size/color to Paul.
3. New email address for secretary: secretarymewa@gmail.com Bonnie requested we use bkotopoulous@outlook.com for MEWA related items.
4. Aqua-Flo freeze protection units for sale, 5 available, \$1800
5. Q3 invoices going out early October!
6. Note for community members - If you have a blue T-post on your property, it's MEWA's property and its purpose is to assist with grading and snow plowing. Please leave it.
7. Explore possibilities for whiskers or ribbons added to indicate metal valve covers in winter.

Adjourn 5:47 Thursday September 10th, 2024

Respectively,
Olivia Brandt, Secretary