

MEWA Board Agenda

TUESDAY May 7, 2024

3:30 PM MDT via Zoom or Ross Wellhouse

Paul Terranova, President - Zoom
Chris Brandewie, Vice President - Zoom
Steve Kearn, Operations and Facilities - Zoom
Brent Groenke, Operations and Facilities - Absent
Lora Flinn, Secretary - Zoom
Roberto Van de Wyngard, Treasurer – Zoom
Stacy Stultz, Bookkeeper - Absent

Call to order: 3:30pm

Additions/changes to the agenda

Approval of Apr 11, 2024, board meeting minutes: Chris moves, Minutes approved.

Financial Reports: collections of A/R; payments of A/P: Stacy

-Statement of Activity through April 2024 – Chris discusses the accounts overdue.

A/R collection status (2+ years: filing statements of lien, turning curb stops off, revoking water certs) Board discusses the overdue accounts.

Autopay will be coming soon.

BBA water engineering consultant April invoice; any other A/P - \$4300. And I talked with Chris Sanchez on that, and they had to rerun a lot of the models. That was done as part of the augmentation plan. And this was in response to Aurora's comments. And he gave me a full breakdown of all of their invoices to date. We should be good to go on that. They did respond to Aurora and

Chris makes a motion.

2023 taxes due May 15th (Donna Driscoll CPA) – Taxes ready to go.

Board to discuss a mid-year Tier 3 usage increase for Q3 and Q4. Q1 we had about 45 Tier 3 invoices. 3824 this is for the mill meters installed and we have about somewhere around 30 meters that have not been installed yet. We've been continuing to reach out to these folks, and some have said they're going to be here soon as.

An incentive to get that done before July on proposing that we increase the Q3 tier 3 usage rate from three times the base amount to four times the base amount which would be \$485.00 per quarter. Currently tier 3 is \$325 per quarter. This is an additional \$80 and further proposing that in Q4 that this tier 3 goes up to \$405 which is another \$80 increase. The board approves.

Status: meter distribution : 29 meters left to distribute, 3 of which are STR and have been notified. Two leaky toilets!

Brent has done an amazing job getting meters out. We still have about 30 to go and there are. 10 meters that have been distributed but have not been installed yet. We continue to beat that drum and that will also be in constant contact that goes out early next week. Three short-term rentals that have not installed meters yet and they've been notified as well.

We did identify two leaky toilets as a result of the of the Q 1 usage reading. So that's a nice small win for those for those people.

Website, SCADA technology, water quality updates: Reported to CO DWR: MEWA's 3 wells pumped 2.2MG in first 4 months of 2024 = 18,228 gpd. In 2023, we pumped 2.5MG = 20,775 gpd. Tony to diagnose latest SCADA issues and propose corrective action(s).

Tony was supposed to come out today, but we got about 6 inches of snow today.

MEWA equipment and property disposition:

Twin Lakes Reservoir & Canal Company: water certificate #8974 issued for 3.6 shares replaces #8903.

Augmentation Plan amendment update: MEWA responses submitted April 26, next round of Aurora comments. due May 31, next water referee status conference June 4th.

Dorado DWR, we pumped two point two million gallons in the first four months of this year, which is about a little over. Next for the same time period last year, we pumped 2.5 million gallons, which is about twenty almost 21,000 gallons. So a delta about 2500 gallons less per day this year than we were last year

We did get the reissued water certificate 8974 which replaced certificate 8903 which had PB and T bank. Listed safety deposit box now.

Plan amendment update. We submitted comments back to Aurora on April 26th. The next round of comments is to be done on May 31st and then there's a water referee status conference June 4th. So hopefully our responses will end the backup engineering report and.

Update Stuart Browns 217 Mount over property thawed out April 27th There's still one property in the neighborhood. 1 199 Lodge pole that is still frozen and they were gone all winter lodge pole is a dead-end line at that to the east of silver So for context. 587 cedar last year. They thought out May 25th so hopefully fingers crossed that that that their wine thaws out soon.

Aqua flow cleaning End of season cleaning procedures to those members that purchase those. So if they don't want to run it all year, they can drain it, clean it out, try it, and then plug it back in in the winter.

Repair Work

Sequoia/Huntzinger line & valve riser repair work completed by Werderitch May 1: \$7,400

Gold/Cedar valve riser repair work underway by Werderitch.

Installing a culvert across Sequoia and then kind of raising the roadbed just a little bit because there's some drainage issues with the with the property that's up there. That was \$7400 for that. Also, they're working on repairing the valve riser at Golden Cedar. That looks like it got hit. And then. We found two other ones at Cedar and Spruce and Cedar and Ponderosa that. Will need to get fixed as well. So those are new ones.

The line extension work is all scheduled and ready to go before. Word of itch does that. They're going to do some. Starting on some of the easier cleaner ones depending on the snow. They were going to start this week, but it might not start until next week. So yeah, it's looking like almost 3000 feet of line work and then we've got 11 curb stops. So I think 5 of those. Four of those are part of line extensions and then and then the other seven are standalone curb stops. So it's going to get busy here in the next couple weeks.

Line Extensions/Replacements

270' 378 Fir line extension + curb stop (Cavcic) – GO

350' 9 Hemlock line extension + curb stop (Fletcher) – GO

400' 161 Aspen line extension + curb stop (Bowden) – GO (MEWA will also close 300' loop on Aspen)

250' Spruce line replacement – MEWA funded – GO

Mt Massive 500' line extension + curb stop (Stoltenberg) – GO (partnered project with Metro District for road)

MEWA will also close 720' loop on Mt Massive

Curb Stop Installations

Bednarcik curb stop on Spruce (lot 138 Unit A) – GO – starting this week

O'Donnell curb stop 246 Birch – GO – starting this week

FOUR additional curb stops anticipated: 512 Juniper, 332 Mt Elbert/Ridge, 251 Pan Ark, 199 La Plata

Other

well backup power capabilities (tackle this summer, inquire with SDCEA)

4th well planning: Tony Johnson reviewing draft concept sketch.

Abilities and then. Fourth, well planning as well. So that'll continue. An order will be placed for additional needed material.

Source Water Protection (SWP) Grant/EPA Lead & Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) report (due mid-October 2024), CDPHE portal, ERP/VA, CRWA Energy Audit:

Chris: A trying to reestablish or working relationship with the director of Colorado rural water. I had worked with him before he was appointed to that position, I do have a little bit of history with Claude Strait and I followed up with him and their events coordinator today. I don't know if everybody on the on the call has heard but Jeremy our operator submitted our water into a taste test at Colorado rural waters annual conference. We took second place, which you know is something we should be proud of.

The reason I was following up with Colorado rural water their event coordinator was to find out if they're going to put the results of any of those awards on. Their website so that we could point to Colorado rural of water and say hey look our water taste great if it's you know not so bone chillingly cold that you can't taste it maybe chill it or warm it up a little bit it will taste pretty good. Colorado rural water is somebody that you know we should we should keep in mind for other things.

I have also started to look into an energy audit I'm not sure if that's something that we think we need Steve I think you've given some input on that but I think I will follow up with that at some point let's see the lead and the copper rule I have met with the consultant. I have provided them with all the information that I was able to get Paul sent some pictures of the maps that Jeff had left I was able to get construction. Dates for the list of the system of the of the structures through Lake County so with that I think that that ball is in the Court of the engineering firm that is providing that free service.

Steve: Saying Galvanized was used. Was used, but never. Led. Is that accurate Chris will respond That's correct. 199 Laplata. And then the other one, I believe, is at 512 juniper as part of our curb stops.

CDPHE portal.

So as you know I am a water operator for several small systems and I did. Get access to the CDP portal. You know if Jeremy gets into a bind and he can't do something I can submit documents on behalf of the board.

I did get in touch with Jeremy about the two missed samples that we had. Sample bottles arrive. This quart samples ate at the lab.

Emergency response plan, vulnerability assessment.

I have been keeping a draft for the 2025 version of the emergency response plan and as we find things or you know like the updated contact for the lab. I added that to the 2025 working document. I am working on the emergency response plan. I'll keep it as a working document for the rest of the year.

Paul will create a constant contact message concerning high pressure is a problem. If on the consumption cost, but also prevent undue unnecessary damage to appliances.

The board has discussed the need for doing some pressure relief or pressure mapping. We might make this summer to go around at people's houses with a \$10 piece. It's just a pressure gage that screws onto an exterior hose bib house. And strategically kind of looking at the topography that would be something we would want to do to map pressure in the system. We might want to focus on communicating to people. Hey, you're in a high-pressure zone you might want to install a pressure regulated up.

Might be a question for Jeremy if there is a way that we could reduce pressure in a whole block, or you know pass some point maybe I will make a comment to discuss that with Jeremy. I looked through a lot of information about assets.

Board discusses fire response ideas.

Other topics: Annual Meeting scheduled for Sat July 20th at 10am at Fire Station II to include new Board member elections; Next Constant Contact monthly MEWA message this week; Travel schedule update of board members.

We have new board member elections and we have talked to two promising candidates. Bonnie Patadilla and Brian Nevins. I have some really good promising folks that have reached out to us to get involved and help out, do you

Zoom options discussed.

Consent Contact message. Paul will plan on sending it out early next week to address pumping numbers. Augmentation plan, auto bill pay. If members want to get enrolled in auto bill pay via QuickBooks. Stacy's going to have some info for that. We'll talk about the Q3 and Q4 tier 3 rates and then.

Next meeting: Thursday June 6th 4:30pm

Adjourn 4:16pm