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

May 7, 2018

President Arlin Bolkema called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** 

**Board Members Absent:** 

Dick Poyner Francis Ackley Kenn Estes

#### Others Present:

Ken Fulton, Ditch Superintendent Kevin Bourgeois, Ditch Superintendent Annette Ortega, Secretary/Treasurer 11 Shareholders

#### Minutes:

The minutes from the April 2, 2018 meeting were e-mailed prior to the meeting. All indicated that they had read the minutes. Dick Poyner moved to accept the minutes, and Francis Ackley seconded, all voted in favor.

## **Financial Report:**

The list of April bills was provided and discussed. Dick Poyner moved to pay the bills. Francis Ackley seconded, and all voted in favor of the motion.

# **Balance Sheet and Income Summary:**

The financial reports were given to the Board, and anyone with questions were directed to speak with Annette.

## **Old Business:**

- a) **Reservoir 2/BLM update:** Research needs to be conducted on the deed before the Ditch will be able to quit claim it. No decisions were made at this time.
- b) Koch property update: There are interested parties in purchasing the property, but nothing else new to report.

## **New Business:**

- a) Chelsey Nutter Upper Ark Water: Chelsey provided information on water storage and funding opportunities that may be available to conduct a feasibility study to increase water storage. Application for funding may be made at any time. Discussion ensued and Dick will speak with Mike on what it would take for the feasibility study to be provided.
- b) **New Board Member:** Marc Thompson expressed interest in serving on the Board. After some discussion and questions from Marc, he indicated his willingness to serve. Dick Poyner motioned to accept Marc Thompson as Board Member to serve the remainder of Jeff Boccaccio's term, Fran Ackley seconded, all were in favor. Marc Thompson took his seat with the Board.
- c) Secretary/Treasurer Business Items: Annette Ortega provided the Board with a list of collections, the status of assessments past due, and which properties would need to have access sealed due to non-payment. Also provided were two payment agreements for Shareholder Inman and Shareholders Fouche. The Board reviewed and discussed the agreements. Dick motioned to accept Shareholder Inman's payment plan, Fran seconded, all aye; Kenn Estes motioned to accept Shareholder Fouche's payment plan, Dick seconded, all aye. Each agreement was ratified via signature from Arlin Bolkema and Annette Ortega. Shareholder Fouche was provided an original copy of said agreement at the meeting. Transfers for April were provided to the Board, as well. Discussion ensued with regard to a request of one shareholder to decrease shares and how it would affect others along the lateral, and the result is that the shareholder cannot decrease shares unless the next door neighbor wishes to obtain them. Douglas Kwitek, who represents the Brunetto party, was given information on the water shares and provided the

- location of the minutes on the website for the official decision of the Board with regard to the water on the property.
- d) **Major Repair Priorities:** 40' of pipe has been installed at the cemetery. Water is flowing well and repairs/issues are being addressed along the ditch as needed.
- e) **Ditch Superintendent Replacement:** The successful candidate replacing Ken Fulton is Kevin Bourgeois. Arlin and the Board welcomed Kevin. Ken has been training Kevin and stated he will be available if needed. The Superintendent phone number will stay the same and will be passed along to Kevin. Ken was presented a card and appreciation for all he has done for the Ditch.
- f) Shareholder Questions: The floor was opened to shareholders questions and/or comments.
  - a. Shareholders had questions about the irrigation schedule. Arlin clarified the schedule at this point is the normal 2 days per week per division, but that may change as water runs low. We have not received much snow, and it is affecting water storage. We will address any changes in irrigation schedules as dictated by water storage levels, and will notify shareholders via the website if changes in irrigation are needed.
  - b. Shareholders were also concerned that more water would be needed during hotter months, and would prefer to have 1 day a week per division now, and then 2 days a week per division in hotter months. Dick explained the method and reasons why we are doing the regular schedule now vs 1 day a week. We will actually be able to store more water irrigating 2 days a week now as opposed to 1 day a per week now. We are using 35 af of water per day currently. There is no snow at the South Colony, we will be lucky to get 3 cu ft of water later on. Dick explained that we will take water from the creek first to fill the reservoirs before using storage water. We will try to conserve as much as possible to ensure water is available.
  - c. Discussion ensued about increasing water storage so as to have enough water to irrigate all season. Dredging options were discussed, as well as what repairs were needed. Also discussed were concerns about which days to irrigate if we need to irrigate one day per week. It was requested we take into consideration people who work so they are able to irrigate when water is available.
  - **d.** Items of concern were brought to the Board's attention with regard to By-Laws, Physical address, Administrative practices, Title Company information on property/water transfers, lateral and water share issues. The Ditch will research each item to provide proper resolution, and may contact the shareholder for more information to obtain clarity.
  - e. Shareholders representing property at 1604 Logan will meet with Ken Fulton for issues they are having.

# g) Other Business:

The floor was opened to other business with nothing brought forward to discuss. Those in attendance were invited to stay for cake in honor of Ken Fulton. With no other business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m., via a motion by Dick Poyner, seconded by Marc Thompson, and a unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Ortega Secretary/Treasurer