

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

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

September 26, 2025

**Board Members Present:** 

Kenn Estes Arlin Bolkema Bill Brogoitti **Board Members Absent:** 

Leo French Marc Thompson

## **Others Present:**

Annette Reed-Pugh, Secretary/Treasurer

President Bolkema called the Special Meeting to order at 8:00 am. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and make a motion to approve/disapprove the most current version of the draft proposal (V2 dated 9/19/2025) from Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District and Attorney Kendall Burgemeister emailed to us on 9/19/2025, to whit:

• UAWCD desires to purchase 50 af of initial storage space, with the continued negotiations for the 100 af of storage and possible future expansion of DeWeese Dam.

President Bolkema provided information to attending Board Directors, as well as to all Board Directors previously via email, on the most current draft proposal (V2 dated 9/19/2025) from UAWCD. Board Directors were instructed to review the draft proposal in depth, compare to previous versions, consider our current water delivery operations and critical infrastructure repairs, factor in our financial situation, and weigh the benefits and risks of entering into the agreement with Upper Ark. As DeWeese desires to improve efficiency and convenience of our current archaic operations, make the best use of our resource and storage operations, protect and conserve our water resource, and repair our aging infrastructure for future generations to come, it is necessary to partner with UAWCD to complete the costly and critical repairs of our infrastructure.

Attorneys Shohet (representing DeWeese Dye Ditch) and Kendall Burgemeister (representing UAWCD) have been in discussion, negotiation, and review on behalf of their respective entities to come to an agreement that is mutually beneficial for DeWeese Dye Ditch and UAWCD. In-depth, thoughtful, and thorough review by both Attorneys, as well as DeWeese's Board of Directors and UAWCD Board of Directors has occurred over the last several months in determining legalities, responsibilities, current water operations, agreements currently in place, and mutual benefit of all parties.

After discussion ensued and more review took place, President Bolkema called for a motion to approve the most current version (V2 dated 9/19/2025) for UAWCD to purchase 50 af of initial storage space, with the continued negotiations for the 100 af of storage and possible future expansion of DeWeese Dam. Initial draft proposal is attached hereto and is incorporated as part of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 26, 2025. A resolution (2025-2) has been drafted for signature in approval of the draft agreement presented to the Directors. Resolution 2025-2 was read to the attending Board Directors by Secretary/Treasurer Reed-Pugh. Upon conclusion, Director Brogoitti motioned to agree to the proposed agreement via Resolution 2025-2; Vice President Estes seconded; Approval from Director French and Director Thompson has occurred via email. Motion carried. Resolution 2025-2 was signed in person by President Bolkema, Vice President Estes, and Director Brogoitti. Wet signatures from Director French and Director Thompson will be obtained at the October 6 2025 regular monthly meeting.

## Other business:

Discussion ensued on projects needing completed, costs of the projects, types of telementry systems, scata and radar options, contractors needed to complete the major projects, current water operations and challenges, project priorities, and what the next steps will be. Cost estimates were provided by President Bolkema in determining budget from agreement revenues. Director Brogiotti will contact a few of the vendors for the telementry system, President Bolkema will speak with contractors for the major projects, and prep work will begin.

Secretary/Treasurer Reed-Pugh will contact Round Mountain to let them know of the increase in costs from when grant funding was awarded so they are aware. The accountant will also be contacted with some tax questions. NRCS will also be contacted once the South Canyon Project starts. The signed agreement will be emailed to UAWCD after the meeting.

Adjournment: With no other business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Reed-Pugh Secretary/Treasurer