

CMWA Board Meeting

July 14, 2021

7:00 pm

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The Board of Directors of the Crawford Mesa Water Association met at the Maloney House in Hotchkiss. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Carpenter. The minutes of the June meeting were read and the minutes were corrected to read that when Hamilton Springs was connected to our system it added 13 gpm. The minutes were then approved as read.

The financial report was given. The checking account has \$135.44, the Money Market account has \$12,086.43, second Money Market \$80,042.40 and the 1-year CD has \$47,924.37. The Hotchkiss CD has \$5,625.76.

Bills presented were DMEA \$74.11, Clifford Industries \$1,600.00, UNCC \$14.52, Master Petroleum \$177.64, Win Water \$2403.49, Verizon \$134.23, TDS 93.11 and Pitt Construction \$13,162.62. Dave moved to pay Pitt Construction \$10,000.00 until final completion and the rest of the bills in full. Mark seconded and the motion passed.

The tanks are full and spilling.

Discussed telemetry for the tanks and the filter house. Managers will decide what would work for them and make a list. Mark will discuss with the company that is working for the Clipper ditch on costs.

Discussed the piping at Hamilton and the fencing around Hamilton.

Elena Goldstein emailed Marici with questions for the Board. Marici read the email and the Board responded to her questions. Her email with the responses will be attached to the minutes.

Board went into executive session.

Meeting adjourned.

Board members present were Dave Young, Mark LeValley, Lynn French, Bill Carpenter and Joanie Cherp. Manager present Chuck Clifford and Adam Clifford. Secretary/Bookkeeper present Marici Garber.

From: "Crawford Mesa Water Association" <admin@cmwa.us>
 Subject: Re: letter to the CMWA board
 Date: Thu, July 15, 2021 11:24 am
 To: "elena goldstein" <ellegoldstein80@gmail.com>

Replies after each question.

> Hi Marici,
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 > Since a rescheduled family celebration will prevent me from attending the
 > CMWA meeting I am wondering whether you could read or provide my letter
 > below to the board and then send the board responses back to me via
 > email.
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 > Thanks,
 > Ellie

> Dear Board Members:

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 > Thank you for dedicating time to CMWA. I appreciate everything the board,
 > our water managers and Marici are doing to protect our water.

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 > I have had a concern about our water supply ever since the leaks in the
 > system resulted in my home and that of many others in CMWA being without
 > water for a full month years ago. Now, in light of the drought impacting
 > the western part of the USA, my concern about our water supply is all the
 > more relevant. I read the news about our region and am aware that we are
 > in a long term mega drought. I recognize how the hot weather, the
 > resultant water evaporation, and the lack of precipitation have combined
 > to create the aridification of our region - a more sobering definition
 > than the well known fact that we live in a high desert. We all have to
 > admit this is not a freak year, but part of a pattern that has been
 > building for well over twenty years.

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 > I think of a friend, now deceased, who grew up in Crawford over one
 > hundred ten years ago who enjoyed sharing a few stories with me. I
 > imagine you have heard similar such recountings. She told me that every
 > winter of her childhood the snow used to reach the top row of the barbed
 > wire on the pasture fences. She shook her head in wonderment and said
 > "You don't see that any more!" How right she was to have identified a
 > changing pattern.

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 > With this in mind, were I here at the meeting in person I would be asking
 > you the following questions:

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 > 1. Do you see any value in restricting or rationing water usage above and
 > beyond your already very good guidelines?

NOT AT THIS POINT. THE TANKS ARE FULL AND WE ARE SPILLING A SMALL AMOUNT
 OF WATER. THE BOARD WILL RESTRICT USAGE ONLY IN THE CASE OF A MAJOR LEAK
 OR THE SPRING PRODUCTION REDUCES TO THE POINT OF NO SPILLAGE AND TANKS
 LOOSE WATER. THE BOARD WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE CONSERVATION.

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 > 2. If some people repeatedly prefer to pay extra costs for high water
 > usage rather than limiting their water use is an issue, is there a way to
 > penalize them, so that they are more likely to curtail their water usage?

CURRENTLY THE MAXIMUM MONTHLY USAGE IS 20,000 GALLONS. AND THE OVERAGE
 COST INCREASES SIGNIFICANTLY WITH USAGE. LOWERING THE MAXIMUM IF NEEDED
 WOULD BE USED.

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 > 3. Might CMWA ever have to move to water rationing?

POSSIBLY IF THE POINTS MADE IN #2 WERE TO OCCUR.

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 > 4. Is there any way of gauging how much and for how long we can depend
 > upon our springs?

NO

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 > 5. I understand buried tanks are the very best option for water storage.
 > Has this been explored as a possibility and applying for grants to
 > help with the costs?

THE BOARD IS ALWAYS LOOKING AT WATER STORAGE. REPLACING OLD WATER LINES
 WITH LARGER LINES WOULD NOT ONLY WORK FOR STORAGE BUT IMPROVE OUR SYSTEM.

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 > 6. Are there any thoughts about obtaining water from other sources if our
 > springs run dry?

THE BOARD IS ALWAYS LOOKING AT OTHER WAYS TO OBTAIN DOMESTIC WATER.

Re: letter to the CMWA board

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> I look forward to your answers.
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Marici Garber
