

CMWA Annual Meeting

February 3, 2024

2:00 p.m.

The annual meeting of the Crawford Mesa Water Association was held at the Crawford Town Hall. Roll call was taken by Carol Kraai, Tracey Murdock and Marici Garber and a quorum declared. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Carpenter. It was moved and seconded to approve last year's minutes. The motion passed.

Tracy presented the Board's report. Circulating pumps are hooked up at the airport tanks which will keep the water circulating and prevent ice from building up. In the past the ice would pull the cathodic protection down. Now we need to have the cathodic protection reinstalled. Still looking at fencing around the springs and filter house at the cost of approximately \$14,000. Will check with the Forest Service or Fish & Wildlife about help with material and cost. Looking for a grant to cover the big tank lining on the inside and painting on the outside. Bids have been made ranging anywhere from \$119,000 to \$275,000. CMWA has 301 taps and 42 of those taps are inactive.

Covered the Budget vs the Actual. Discussed the expense of Postage & Delivery and Gary Hubble suggested we move towards email delivery to cut this expense. Marici feels that billing should continue by USPS since so many people change their emails and the billing is our largest postage expense. Covered the Balance Sheet and the Proposed Budget. It was moved and seconded to accept the Proposed Budget. Covered the proposed system upgrades.

The treasurer's report was read. The checking account has a current balance of \$6,526.95, money market \$21,474.87, second money market \$70,518.01, one year CD has \$47,924.37 and 1st State Bank CD is \$5,625.76. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Discussed the usage over the number of years and talked about moving the filter house down to the airport. Also discussed the idea of installing an additional tank within our system to catch the overflow. Marici did contact someone last year about the cost of a steel tank. It was \$1.30/gallon. The tank would be built onsite and the infrastructure would be an additional cost. Treated water keeps us from qualifying for some grants. Cally reported that the Town is adding a tank now and they have a grant for a portion of it but have to match that grant and the time and paper work involved can be overwhelming. CMWA is a non-profit company and that also limits the grants that are available. Discussed the Willy Springs that we share with the Town of Crawford. Town has 75% and CMWA has 25% ownership of the springs. Gary Hubble asked about old-line repairs and replacement. Last year we gave a presentation about the lines that needed replaced and the priority and the cost. Bret again covered those. Again, we are hoping for grants to help us replace these older lines. The priority is to get the tank down first.

Shanna Harness, who CMWA has hired as a grant writer and investigator in funding, was present to give a presentation and what grants we have been looking for. CMWA water quality is excellent and so the grants from the CDPHE are not available to us. We were denied grants due to treated water and not being a taxing district. Shanna and Marici will be signing up next week for the Federal grants.

Mike Cleary moved to allow the Board a ceiling of \$150,000 to pursue a low interest loan to line and paint the large tank at the airport and to be done in 2024. Bob Pennetta seconded and the motion passed. It was suggested to contact Rain For Rent in Grand Junction to see about a rent tank when the large one is offline.

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The Board mentioned that they have been discussing raising the overage rates by 20%. The base rate for 5,000 gallons would stay the same. Cally has a company from Durango that will be here this summer to do a rate study for the Town. It is free and Marici will get with Cally to see if we can have them do a rate study for us at the same time. CMWA is also working with the Town on the rehab of the Wiley Springs which is projected to start in 2025.

Terms for Bill Carpenter and Tracey Murdock are up this year. Nominations were opened and Bill Carpenter, Tracey Murdock and Kody Pearce were nominated. By ballet vote Tracey Murdock and Kody Pearce will serve on the Board.

Meeting adjourned.

Board Members present Bill Carpenter, Joanie Cherp, Tracy Cheatham, Tracey Murdock, Lynn French and Bret Specht. Marici Garber, Secretary/Bookkeeper.

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After the Annual meeting the Board meant to nominate a new President and Vice President. Lynn moved to appoint Mark LeValley as President and Bret Specht as Vice President. It was seconded and the motion passed. Kody Pearce was welcomed to the Board.

Marici Garber
Secretary/Bookkeeper