

**RAINBOW VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

November 12, 2024

Woodland Park Library, Woodland Park, CO 80863

President Rick Ritchie called the meeting to order at 4:02pm. Members present: Helen Freed, Dominick Luppino, Brian Etherton, Rick Ritchie and Kirt Carpenter. Tanner Coy and Eric Walker were also present.

Motion was made by Kirt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dominick to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Motion carried. The financial reports were reviewed. Helen made the motion to approve payment of current accounts. Dominick 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, which then carried.

The board reviewed and discussed the 2025 budget. Helen made the motion to accept the 2025 budget as proposed. Dominick 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, which then carried. We also discussed our cost increases and the option to increase our service rates. Any formal decision will be made at our December meeting.

We have been out of priority since June 10<sup>th</sup>, but were not notified. Releases have been slightly higher than inlet, which has slowly dropped lake 7. Rick has noticed some seepage which he would like to have the state engineer evaluate early this spring when lake 7 is full. We ordered and received NTU curvette tubes and desiccant pouches for NTU turbidity monitors as well as reagent for CL17 monitors. After replacing the curvette tubes and recalibrating, the NTU has returned to .01. Eric continues to work on the brake system on the main truck. Eric suggested we might need some additional parts to complete the repairs costing approx. \$1000 total. Dominick moved that we authorize that expenditure, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian. Motion carried.

The truck slid into the ditch during the snow storm, since we did not have chains in good repair. The tow bill was \$1033. Kirt picked up chains so we will be prepared for future snow storms. The crack in the storage tank has been patched, but the bottom of the tank needs cleaned before replacing the seals. An additional length of hose was purchased to reach the bottom of the tank to accomplish this process.

The attorney for the ranch owners is in the process of drafting the initial agreement. The expected delivery date for the new truck is Dec.15<sup>th</sup>. Helen reached out to the loan officer and he has scheduled a closing date of Dec.12<sup>th</sup> for the loan. The funds will be deposited to our Vectra checking account to pay for the truck upon delivery. We have a contact for a possible grant opportunity for the truck. Helen is following up on that. We will postpone looking for a part time truck driver until approx March. Next month's agenda will include proposals for rate increases for both water and late order charges. Eric suggested that we should consider security aspects of the operation such as changing locks, passwords and codes. He also suggested we should have a hazmat locker for volatile supplies.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kirt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Helen. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

