

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

September 10, 2024
Woodland Park Library, Woodland Park, CO 80863

President Rick Ritchie called the meeting to order at 4:03pm. Members present: Helen Freed, Dominick Luppino, Brian Etherton, Rick Ritchie and Kirt Carpenter. Guests present were Paul Schneider, Jeremy Stanley, Gary Barber, Vicki Alexander and Tanner Coy.

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

Jeremy Stanley spoke to the Board to suggest that we needed to consider adding delivery days to our currently scheduled ones. Gary Barber with Hydro Source reviewed with us 11CW43 and in the final analysis said he did not believe there was significant demand or value for us to seriously consider spot water sales. Following his presentation, the general consensus was that once the board and the ranch owners could agree on language regarding water levels in the lakes as related to protecting fish for the fishing club, we were likely ready to move forward on the agreement between the Ranch and the District. We will present the board's suggested language to Tanner before the next meeting.

We are still in priority. Lake 7 was dropping due to evaporation & augmentation so the outflow has been reduced to gain storage. Residual chlorine levels have stabilized and we replenished various spares for the plant at a cost of \$1211. Truck repairs were completed including the additional replacement of one U-joint for a total repair cost of \$4500 including the tow charges. At our next meeting we will consider replacing the entire hose reel. The delivery truck is also having some issues with the brakes. We have a leak at the bulkhead fitting in one of the 3000 gallon storage tanks. We will order a seal to place on the outside of the tank, and if that does not solve the issue, we will have to replace the entire fitting. That would involve sending a person inside the tank to effect the repairs. The I-pad and protective cover have been purchased and Rick will work with Eric to implement the new delivery system recordings.

Rick will begin training for the tech position evaluation on Sept. 12th. Helen expressed concerns about the way the efforts to fill this position have been handled. She suggested that in the future, employment decisions should be handled differently. The board will re-evaluate our hiring practices in the future. Rick will report to the Board of his progress of the evaluation process. Rick was told that the new truck chassis should be in CA by the end of September. The Board also received from Rick a copy of the guidelines regarding well drilling within the water district.

In light of time constraints we did not get to our discussions of new business or items for the next meeting agenda. Motion to adjourn was made by Brian, 2nd by Kirt. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:53pm.