

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

July 11, 2023

Woodland Park Library, Woodland Park, CO 80863

President Rick Ritchie called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm. Members present: Rick Ritchie, Helen Freed, Brian Etherton and Dominick Luppino. Vicki Alexander and Tanner Coy were also present.

Motion was made by Brian, 2nd by Dominick to approve the corrected minutes of the June 2023 meeting. Motion carried. The board reviewed the financial reports. Brian made the motion, 2nd by Dominick to approve payment of accounts due. Motion carried. The board reviewed the past due accounts and discussed Jeremy's request for a raise and some time off. Following discussion, Dominick made the motion which was 2nd by Brian, that we raise his pay to \$25 an hour and give him a week of paid vacation per year. Motion carried. Helen made a motion, 2nd by Dominick that the pay raise become effective July 15, 2023. Motion carried.

We are still in priority since May 13th. All lakes are full and we are releasing to keep lake 7 below the top of the riser. The clogged overflow pipe is now clear, most likely due to head pressure from the pond forcing the clog to break loose. Turbidity levels remain within spec but we are still seeing some variation to our normal levels. Once the new curvettes were installed, the levels dropped significantly. We will continue to use soda ash to control PH levels. Although bicarb appears to control coagulation better, its consumption is greater due to concentration levels. Our new driver has reported some medical issues that prevent his working full time but he has agreed to be available as a backup driver since Jeremy is now staying on staff. A few days ago the funds previously in BOC savings were moved to the Vectra savings account. The BOC checking account is still open, however. No change again this month on the status of the new truck. Rick will invite Kirt Carpenter to next month's meeting to let him see the board in operation in the hope that he may be a candidate to join the board.

Vicki Alexander reviewed for the Board briefly what has transpired since she purchased the ranch in a foreclosure sale in 2014. She noted that the operating agreement had been postponed til after the time for challenge had expired regarding the previous lease. She stated that the value of storage for water was currently \$3,000-4,000 per acre foot per year. She said she previously had an agreement to store water for someone else that netted her \$16,677 over a two year period. We were also reminded that she had invested over \$200,000 in repair and improvements on her lakes. She advised the Board that she and Tanner had retained attorney, Paul Noto, to draft a response to our proposal and we could expect to hear from him in the next week or so. Tanner also mentioned that they would be requesting some open documentation information from us.

With no further new business, Brian made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Dominick. Motion carried and we adjourned at 2:30 pm.