

RAINBOW VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 12, 2023
Woodland Park Library, Woodland Park, CO 80863

President Rick Ritchie called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm. Members present: Rick Ritchie, Helen Freed, Dominick Luppino and Brian Etherton. Guests Carole Casner and Kirt Carpenter were introduced. Tanner Coy was present and Vicki Alexander joined us later in the meeting.

Motion was made by Dominick, 2nd by Brian to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried. The board reviewed the financial reports. Helen made the motion, 2nd by Brian to approve payment of accounts due. Motion carried.

We are still in priority. Dan Hindrichs, district water commissioner, inspected our settings for inflow release and was satisfied that we are in compliance with our priority controls. The lakes have cleared up, giving relief to our filtering systems. The excavator completed the replacement of the pipeline from the bridge to lake 4. It appeared the water had come from an abandoned pipe that most likely connected lake 3 to lake 4 many years ago and began leaking when erosion uncovered the end of the pipe. Since the condition of the existing pipeline from the bridge to the lake was deteriorating, we replaced it as well. In the process, a Century Link main cable was severed due to a locator not marking the location. After replacement, 4 loads of mixed rock were brought in to improve erosion control, an underlayment fabric was placed over the rock and then covered with gravel & topsoil. The cost of this project was \$6500. Turbidity levels remain constant. We did have a CL17 chlorine monitor failure. This required replacement of the control board. While the system was down the fill station CL2 readings had to be entered on the chart to satisfy the monthly operations report to ORC. Rick still has some issues to resolve with the driver situation with Jon. The phone line at the plant has been down for 3 weeks due to the ineptness of CenturyLink, but messages for orders can be received and retrieved.

Rick finally received our debit card from Vectra after three attempts. He needs to go to Cripple Creek to Treasurer's department to transfer auto deposits of tax collections to Vectra Bank. The new truck that we ordered in Oct 2021 is now scheduled for delivery in Jan 2024. We need to look into our financing options for the truck. The possible new board members present, Carole Casner and Kirt Carpenter each told us a little about themselves and their willingness to serve on the Board. The Board will be discussing adding a new member. Helen suggested we change our water delivery billing policy to charge for the amount of water ordered, when the customer's cistern does not hold the ordered amount. This would be in an effort to eliminate orders being placed when water is not actually needed and thus improve efficiency and reduce unnecessary truck trips. This Board will be discuss this further.

The Board presented its response to the Ranch owners' 10 point proposal. Helen requested that she be copied on any emails regarding negotiations on the proposals. The Ranch owners agreed to send us the letter they have regarding an agreement between RVWD and the Divide Fire Dept. and to get back to us with a response concerning the negotiations. Tanner reminded us that open meeting law requires a 24 hour notice of meetings and posting of meeting agendas. Vicki also explained to us how the previous water storage charges to a third party had been handled. It was not reported to the Colorado Division of Water Resources by the Ranch owner.

Motion to adjourn was made by Brian, 2nd by Helen and the meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.