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DOLORES WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE

MINUTES

Regular Meeting
June 13, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Godwin Oliver, President, called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm

ROLL CALL

1. Godwin Oliver, President
2. Glen Fish, Vice President
3. Don Schwindt, Secretary-Treasurer
4. Wes Wilson, Director
5. Jeremy Redshaw, Director
6. Landan Wilson, Director
7. Ryan Gray, Director
8. Ken Curtis, General Manager
9. Eric Sprague, Water Manager
10. Gina Espeland, Admin Assistant Accounting
11. Robert Stump, Bureau of Reclamation
12. Adam Reeves, Attorney MBSS – Via Teleconference
13. Lindsey Ratcliff, Attorney MBSS – Via Teleconference

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

In-Person

1. Brandon Johnson, MVIC;
2. Rusty Cringle, CDWR;
3. Greg Dubit, Shaw Solar

Via Telephone/Teleconference

1. Andrew Wendt, Atlas CPA Auditors

MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION:

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED FOR THE MAY 9, 2024, ENTERPRISE MEETING.

**MOTION: WES WILSON
SECOND: GLEN FISH
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOTION:

TO APPROVE THE APRIL '24 FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF PAYABLES AS PRESENTED.

**O&M: AP/CHECK #42495-42569 & PR/CHECK #126489-126543
\$290,028.08**

**MOTION: JEREMY REDSHAW
SECOND: RYAN GRAY
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

O&M REPORT – Eric hit the highlights.

Pumping Plants & Canals

Frank has treated the weeds on the canal ROW's on the north and south system and moved on to different treatments. Just today he was treating for pond weed on THC at lower flows. We plan on treating DCC with Magnacide later this year in August.

Canal operations have stabilized well and the system has gotten more stable. We had some lightning strikes that took the plants down in early May. Everything is finally pressured up including Dove Creek Lawn and Garden.

We have stayed on top of pulling tumble weeds out of the canals since start up, so far, no siphons have been plugged up and no pumping plants have gone down. They have not been a problem recently.

Power Plants

Have had some hiccups with the powerplants and we weren't able to start the Towaoc Powerplant in April. The needles and deflectors controlled by the Governor were not working in sync. It turned out to be a bad proximity sensor knocked out of alignment in the off season. We had to reach out to 3rd party resources to help us trouble shoot. As of June 30st TPP is back up and running. McPhee Powerplant had a short that is still being investigated.

Employee Personnel

We hired Josh Lanus as a weed sprayer/field tech and Langston Whitehorse as an apprentice electrician. Eric stated that he is training two water technicians to provide support in the field and to the control room.

Jed had to leave the meeting because of a short at Great Cut Pumping Plant knocking it off line. A text will be sent out soon.

Introduction of Guest: Greg Dubit with Shaw Solar

USDA Solar Grants for Ag, Shaw Solar:

Ken stated that there was a handout in the packet and Greg Dubit of Shaw Solar would like to present opportunities for USDA solar funding to FSA farmers.

Ken stated that Greg contacted us and there is a lot of USDA money going out to support on farm solar. Ken asked Greg to come talk to the Board.

Greg appreciated the opportunity to present. Shaw Solar is a regional solar company and serves the 5 counties in SW Colorado. The USDA has a program Rural Energy for America and it has been around for 15-20 years. Typically the program would pay 20% up to \$20,000 and now it is paying 50% with no ceiling. They are not looking to take ag land out of production. Shaw Solar works with individual business and home owners. Preference is to put on a roof top, like haybarns in close location to center pivots. Greg named a few of the companies and municipalities that they have worked with on installing solar. The USDA wants to help offset electrical expense and solar generally fits. Shaw has staff members who write the grants that compete on a national level for the funding and Shaw has the capacity to do more grants. Shaw is available to help with the process with a good reputation and run 4 crews each with a licensed electricians. He thinks there are a lot of ag users that could benefit. Greg appreciates the opportunity to present.

Ken stated that we normally don't promote a commercial enterprise, but since he is bringing a federal funding opportunity he doesn't mind putting a flyer in a mailout to the FS. Brandon said that MVIC has worked with Shaw Solar.

Ryan asked how he sees the prices working with the tariffs? Greg said that it has forced manufacturing to the US. Foreign companies have opened manufacturing in Georgia and Houston making the solar panels there. Ryan asked if his panels are American and the manufacturing is in the US? Greg stated yes and they have a 25 year warranty on the panels. There is also a 30% tax credit and depreciation. They have the staff to write and apply for grants or it will just go to other communities if it is not used here. When we support local ag the dollars stay in the community. Ryan asked about the batteries? Greg said most of the arrays they are doing do not include storage, but it is available. Shaw is working with Empire Electric on net metering that runs April to April, but there is a roll over kilowatt hours to match irrigation timing later. Solar for irrigation is more economical on roof top. Sequence wise, if they write the grant, next deadline is the end of June and the next is the end of September and then looking for 2025 solar projects. Greg thanked the Board again for the opportunity.

WATER MANAGEMENT REPORT

Water Accounting

Ken will present as Eric packs up to help at the control room with the situation at Great Cut Pumping Plant.

Ken started with the **May Inflow/Outflow** – We did have the 2 ASO flights in April, the 2nd was late April as we saw the SNOTELs diving right before the cold snap during first week of May. Even though we didn't get a lot of precipitation the May temps were still cold. It has been a rollercoaster for forecasting the runoff. The reservoir in May only filled up 3 feet, May is usually our largest runoff month. May inflow was about double April, highlighted at the bottom. Effectively we had no calculated inflow. Peak flow is highlighted at 1,310 CFS on May 20th and ended up with 47,000 feet of total inflow runoff that tapered out early this year. Ute Farm got up and running in full swing during the month of May and have already gone into their first cut using 4,000 AF. MVIC in May was still slow, just under 20,000 AF for the month. Likewise FS took awhile to get started and diversions are low for the first part of the month, then the weather evened out and more irrigation systems were fired up. Below McPhee is staying at 50 CFS and likely to stay there most of the summer. The precip is highlighted, May came in dry like April. **June Inflow/Outflow** – highlighted the peak elevation of 6908 on June 9 and river inflow was up to 1,100 CFS on June 5. The Dolores had 4 peaks, one was not very high, and now has rapidly started to drop. We have almost made April numbers, but with the dropping inflow June will come in higher than April, but less than May, pretty normal. With 91,489 AF to date, we are looking at 100,000+ AF of total runoff pushing up above the 70% supply, but not quite to the 50% forecast. The Utes are still down in their use and numbers are highlighted at the bottom. MVIC diversions are up and have steadied out around 400 CFS. They have a fair amount of call water reaching 72,000 combined with diversions on June 6. MVIC still gets credit on their diversions, but effectively the rest is going to the project. Dove Creek settled out, but not sure we will be getting to 300 CFS daily diversions which often happens before the first cut. Between working with Brandon and restrictions on Narraguinnep, MVIC is taking as much as they can, but are storing the rest in McPhee. We have hit the high summer temperatures, 90 degrees with no rain pretty normal for June.

Ken had Eric bring the letter from MVIC to Rob Genualdi on temporarily storing Narraguinnep Reservoir water in McPhee Reservoir. DWCD and MVIC are cooperating and have a long history of doing this usually due to shortage, but directed at the Narraguinnep restrictions this year until MVIC can get through the engineering and repair work and get off restriction with DWR.

Eric texted out to 22" today and the river coming inflow headed towards at least at 101 KAF we are ready to increase, but have not had Board direction to go over the Full Supply and staying more conservative on water available.

2024 FSA Cap & Pricing

Ken stated that we are at 22" with about 95% of project supply right now and good chance we will make 100% of project supply. We won't increase until the calculations happen after June 30th and have the direction from the Board. The Board sets a cap and pricing for the staff to manage. Wes said that at the FAC he heard the Farmers would like to keep it in storage. Jeremy asked what was the percentage of project supply from last year's carryover? Ken explained that in April, May and June, once MVIC gets 795 CFS, the rest goes to the project. There were probably 10-12 days that the river met the MVIC limit yielding 10-20 KAF plus the Class B is tied to the project shortage. Base of 55,282 AF of full contract supply and then add Class B brings pool up to 61,000 AF with Class B close to the 6,000 and another 4,000 AF M&I available. The Full Supply this year, 80 - 90% is from carryover and 10 - 20% from the runoff.

Full amount of available water and supply is going to be in the 62-65 KAF range. In/Acre chart shows users, some will never use full amount while others will. There is some uncommitted water that the Board can direct. It can go to carryover or made available to users. Jeremy asked Ken if he had a recommendation? Ken said no, but historically we have made more water available. Landan said that he would like to see the cap at 22" and carry over the rest. Godwin said that he calculated the allocated water that can't be used at 1,100 AF, what does that amount to? Based on all 29,000 acres, about 1/2". Jeremy leans more to carryover this year. Ryan said that we are trending towards dryer with La Nina. Don wondered if we put a cap on are we going to see more expanded pools? Is that a place we want to go if we start sticking to the contract allocation? How many acres are they drying to keep under the cap in the pools? Don said it may take a few years to see how it comes out. Ken said that most farmers heard us earlier when we started at 19.5". If we stay at 22", then no more calculations. Ken said that he expects a handful to need more water to finish in August or September because that is when they will realize what water they need to finish. Godwin said that it started off cold and it has just really gotten hot and we will see more water delivery the hotter it gets. Godwin said that most in the Fairview block that are not allowed are cutting now. Jeremy thinks that 22" is in line with the Board thinking. Ken said that we owe them the 22", but no more and in line with early projections from the beginning. Wes said that is status quo. Ken feels that the Board can deal with the ones wanting extra in August or September at that time. If they need more water we will hear from them. Don said that he is not trying to make a decision tonight. As a goal this Board said that they want to keep serving the acreage that has an allocation, not shrinking acreage. Don said that sometimes it takes awhile for pools to get set up. It is easier to punt tonight but we could be setting the course for a long time. Ken suggested that the Board leave it where it is based on reacting to current conditions> Based on Don's comments, we don't want to swing back and forth too often. We need to start communicating that while we are spilling the Board is going to lean one direction and when McPhee is not filling the Board will lean the other way. Need to start messaging out for the Farmers. Don said that sharp eyes looking at unused columns of water and have been looking since day one. Don said that as we look at the project, don't only look to the FS farmers contract, there may be other places out there to make a difference.

Talking to Michael and Simon they are good with the supply and shares leased from us. Staff will keep talking to them into July as Ken not sure how the SCPP commitment plays into their farm plan and actual water needs.

2024 FSA Penalty for Overuse

Ken stated he is going to have Lindsey speak to the FSA Penalty for over use. Ken reviewed the acreages currently in the pools to give an idea of the large difference between different farmers. This might make a difference in how you assess a penalty given the variation from 4 acres to over 1,100 acres.

Lindsey stated that there is a redline copy and a clean copy. Updated the policy based on discussions from last month and meeting with Ken and Eric last week. Starting on Page 2 of the policy Lindsey went through the redline changes. The yellow highlights are where they are looking for guidance to put fill out, but this lets you see what it would look like. First sets the full year penalty at double the full rate. In shortage years, the Board's policy is to set a penalty at a substantially higher rate to eliminate the financial incentive to overuse – FSA Irrigators who overuse by 1 AF are subject to this penalty", Lindsey stated that we need some guidance on what the buffer should be. Lindsey reviewed the other sections calling out highlights that need input from Board on what these should be. Lindsey covered the problem of leaks with final appeals to Board.

Technically any leak on DWCD's side of a delivery box will not impact the farmer. If it is the farmer's leak downstream of DWCD's box, then it is the farmer's responsibility.

Board discussion on Section G, overuse twice in one year and decided to get rid of that section or rewrite to clarify. Section H cover recidivism.

Wes said that we need to be more specific on the 1 acre foot or more is where the penalty is going to kick in. Up to 1 acre foot is a grace period. Jeremy asked why we are doing a 1 acre foot grace? Ken discussed some examples. Jeremy thinks that 1 AF will just get added to the pools. Jeremy and Landan had a similar opinion on the buffers, don't use. Godwin agrees with Jeremy and Landan. Jeremy asked for explanation on Section E. The percentage, came from Ryan's comment that it makes a difference on different acreages. Ryan's said he agreed that we should get rid of the buffers and there is less confusion. Look at \$350 for below 10" and double rate for a full supply year then pick a number in between, for example at 11" you stay at \$350 and 18" you set \$150. Wes agrees to dropping the percentage line of E. Godwin said that a simpler less confusing policy is going to be easier to explain and manage. Landan discussed different pricing for different years and the relative shortage. Landan in a full year you would double the rate, 10 – 21.9 inches would be at \$350/AF and below 10 inches the Board would set for that year. Adam said that it would be easier with 3 brackets. Wes asked about having a final

the policy next month for the Board to approve? If it is adopted in July that would settle it for 2024. Ken said that he wants to send out the new policy and a meter reading sheet. He would put a letter highlighting the mechanics to farmers.

For Section H, recidivism, Jeremy said that when we started he liked the repeat offender and then after talking with Eric he didn't like it because of the work. Landan said he wants people to be held accountable and learn from your mistakes. Adam said if you set the penalties right you won't get many offenders and shouldn't get repeat offenders. Ken agrees and doesn't expect many offenders or repeat offenders. Past over use has not been repeated. Ryan doesn't think that you need differentiation between full and short years for repeat offenders as you are spanning a four year period. A simple multiplier for repeat offenders. Jeremy agrees. Board discussed examples and scenarios for a repeat offender. The multiplier on a full year is less of a penalty. After much discussion Adam captured it and will get written to add an additional fixed penalty amount. Ken asked if that number is \$500? The Board agreed on that amount for recidivists. Don asked about future changes to the cap this year? The discussion looked at various scenarios to changing the cap later in the season relative to the penalty. May lead to a paragraph explaining the assessment of the penalty is at the end of the season which would allow the Board to keep adjusting the cap. Board that we are not going to assess penalties before the end of the irrigation season.

Landan clarified that if the leak is on DWCD side there is not a penalty. If a leak is on the user side then the farmer may be assessed a penalty. In past years staff will investigate and bring details to the Board to decide if penalty should be assessed. Ryan said that K. covers that the irrigator can appeal to the Board.

Lindsey said she had direction on the changes and would bring back to the Board next month.

ADJOURNMENT

Dolores Water Conservancy District Water Activity Enterprise Board meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Donald W. Schwindt, Secretary-Treasurer

Godwin Oliver, President

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ADMIN: AP/CHECK #12529-12540

\$16,040.58

MOTION: JEREMY REDSHAW
SECOND: LANDAN WILSON
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2023 Audit Presentation:

Ken stated that Andrew Wendt, Atlas is participating on line. Andrew stated that the 2023 audit was prepared for the Board.

Andrew went over audit briefly to cover some highlights and a new standard that were implemented this year. Overall, the process was smooth and he didn't have any concerns and DWCD didn't have any weakness in the financials. It is a clean opinion. There are slight decreases in the general fund and powerplant fund balances due to increased expenditures during the year. Investment performance have vastly improved year after year. The Enterprise fund which includes O&M, Towaoc Highline, and Dove Creek Lawn and Garden they saw across the board increases to fund balances. This was due to increase in user fees and reimbursement contracts. The City of Cortez repaid the contract, but there is no effect on the income statement as they paid directly to the USBR. There was a new accounting standard for subscription-based expenditures that takes subscriptions and agreements and instead of putting on the income statement they go on the assets and liabilities. Many were not applicable and had no effect on the books. This also goes for operating agreements. Audit process was great and he looks forwarding to working on 2024.

AGENCY REPORTS

1. BOR Report

Robert reported that on the valves and actuators project he had to do 2 modifications to the purchase order. First, the company changed their name midstream and had to acknowledge new name. The other modification covered the difference in price and extending the delivery to the end of October. Still waiting on the final signature before releasing for production and hoping to get them here by October. The power contract draft was sent to the management division and still sitting there. Still have a goal of getting solicitation out and awarded by end of October for award for the next fiscal year. Ryan asked about the target date, solicitation out in August? Robert agreed. The Salinity Forum came down and toured last week. Ken, Brandon and Robert met them; it was good education for them on the Dolores Project and its aging infrastructure, O&M needs and funding for replacements.

2. Division of Water Resources Report

Rusty said he didn't have anything to report.

3. T/H Committee Report

Wes stated that the Committee met May 15, 2024 **1)** The Committee paid DWCD and MVIC. The Committee meeting minutes were included in the Board mailout.

Next T/H Meeting

The Committee will meet at the DWCD, Cortez Office June 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

4. MVIC Report

Brandon stated that MVIC raised the allocation to full supply. Board Member, Les Nunn turned in his resignation to the Board and is moving. Board gave appreciation to Les for everything he has done over 78 years. The seal replacement on the GH guard gates is scheduled for Monday, it is under warranty. Narraguinnep has two possible phases. The Board chose to proceed on phase I for grouting and a sand filter and hope to complete by November 1. Phase 2 involves more concrete. Early estimates are \$500,000 to \$750,000, but not complete.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Minor Updates:

1. Summer CWC Conference August 8/20-22 in Colorado Springs:

The Summer Water Conference is set. Two Board members and Ken are registered. The conference hotel is sold out, but we can find space nearby if Board members still want to attend.

2. WIP Video Production:

After meeting with Elaine & Christi, they would like 3 highest priority messages for video and ideas on addressing the recurring theme of 80% CU to Ag. Met with Don, Glen and Brandon prior to the Board Meeting.

3. August 8, 2024 Board Meeting:

Ken stated that he will not be at the August 8 Board meeting and wanted the Board to know and plan accordingly. Suggested that just run the meeting with Eric and Jed. Wes asked about postponing to the follow week. Wes said he doesn't have a problem with moving the meeting date. Ken said that they can discuss further at the July meeting and advertise accordingly if you want to postpone.

4. Personnel Committee Meeting –

Ken said that the committee needed to meet and point is to talk about where we are at in detail. Wes asked about the 27th of June. Ken said that won't work for him. Ken said that 26th is good. Agreed to set the Personnel Committee Meeting for June 26th at 11:00 at Great Cut Dike.

Colorado River Basin Issues:

Ken stated in the mailout packet he included articles on issues around the CR Basin and how local solutions are being implemented. They specifically cover a new water development scheme from CBM wells in WY, SCPP, Mexico drought on the Rio Grande (under the same treaty with the Colorado River) that could have an interesting dynamic relative to the Colorado. More opposition to a new Aurora farm purchase for the water on the Arkansas. Going to play out like Thornton over decades and possibly have state wide implications for new M&I coming out of ag. A final article covers our recent runoff challenges with the fast melt.

Also included is a CAP memo on a new tribal settlement in AZ on the Little Colorado. Ken wanted Adam to talk more on this possibly next month. The settlement involves the AZ/Navajo/Hopi/Southern Paiute settlement affecting the UB AZ 50,000 AF apportionment from the Little Colorado. It includes \$5 billion from feds and they want to get it through Congress and this Administration this year before any administration change. It calls the AZ apportion the first UB priority. Ken has never heard the AZ apportionment framed as the first priority. Don suspects that the priority is on the Colorado River similar to the lower basin priorities below Mead. It may be an UB priority off the river under Federal law. The settlement also covers movement of water between the basins and leasing between the basins. There is an online presentation and the contracts are more complicated. Clearly no one is against the tribal areas receiving development directed to their health, safety and welfare, but it is not a simple to automatically assume that this is a great deal.

Tonight's articles have a lot of quotes from the principals at the GWC conference. The basins are still at odds, though there is reference to settlement before administration change. Also a reference to the modeling coming out in December, deciphering it will take a while, so not sure it could get done this year. A lot of tribal representation in articles, the tribes are talking about more input in the renegotiation. The next is about a CA issue, the central valley full supply, first since 2006, that will lessen the draw on CR supplies. Another article from John Flack. Finally, one about the extra 40,000 AF released from Powell from DROA that should have been left in Powell. It will help the 10-year rolling average, but should not have been released under the 07 guidelines.

Lastly, Ken covered slides from SW Basin Roundtable Presentation by SWCD/WWE reviewing highlights on basin water rights & consumptive uses. They are willing to come talk to us and we should have all project users or at least MVIC and this Board attend. Numbers based on data from DWR sources. The study claims the historic use is under our junior water right.

Don shared that he is really familiar with the data from his service on SW Board. He is surprised to see the Wright Water Engineers working on it as was originally done by Harris Engineering. Wright Water Engineers were first hired to work on the MVIC change case. One of the gray areas and the assumptions that have gone into this are the McElmo issues. As presented, he is concerned that they need help from us. They are making assumptions from looking at the Colorado Decision Support System (CDSS). In this grey area we need to help SWCD and be partners and be aware of what we are doing. We need to offer help to SWCD to truth test this. Is SWCD protecting the developed water in SW Colorado?

LEGAL REPORT

MVIC 87.3 Change Case

Lindsey reported that the SWCD Board met yesterday to discuss, but we have not learned what came out of that meeting and hope to have an update for next month.

Main Canal 1&2 Due Diligence

Lindsey stated that on the Main Canal 1 & 2 Diligence Adam and Ken spoke this morning and discussed how to staff is going to address the statements of opposition, enter data request and enter a decree.

Lindsey stated that she recommended going into Executive Session to discuss updates on DWCD/BOR Carriage Contract, 2000 Operating Agreement Contract and probable comments on Colorado River Issues to receive legal advice and discuss matters of negotiation.

MOTION:

MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PER CRS 24.6.402(b) TO OBTAIN ADVICE FROM COUNSEL AND CRS 24.6.402(e) MATTERS OF NEGOTIATION FOR 2000 OPERATING AGREEMENT, WATER RIGHTS SUPPLY AND PROTECTION AND COLORADO RIVER ISSUES.

**MOTION: JEREMY REDSHAW
SECOND: LANDAN WILSON
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

RECESSED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:42 P.M.

RECONVENED REGULAR MEETING AT 6:12 P.M.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Lindsey reported that in Executive Session the Board discussed matters related to 2000 Operating Agreement and CO River Issues and no decisions made.

NEXT DWCD BOARD MEETING – Thursday, July 11, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 P.M.

Donald W. Schwindt, Secretary-Treasurer

Godwin Oliver, President