**ROCK CREEK MESA WATER DISTRICT**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**180 Rock Creek Mesa Road**

**March 10, 2021**

**6:00 P.M**

The board meeting of the Rock Creek Mesa Water District Board of Directors was called to order on Wednesday February 10, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

**ATTENDANCE**

Board: Beth McCowen, Billy Joe Stephenson, Melynda Charlick, Carrie Haze & Christine Carranza

Employees: Kathy Olson and Glenn Butts

Excused:

Guests: CONFERENCE CALL IN:

Vanessa and Glen Hoogerhyde, Larry Saliterman, Danny Mientka and Judy Schweitzer

**MINUTES**

The minutes for the January 13, 2021 Regular Meeting, were read by Christine Carranza. Corrections were noted and made. A motion was made to accept and approve the corrected minutes. (Carrie/Melynda) all in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* The last month Water on the Spot has had some issues with the driver. Kathy and Glenn had a discussion with Thad the owner that changes needed to be made with his driver or the district would have to find another company. A new driver will start on Monday. Tanker needs some minor work done and we will be using the smaller 3,000-gallon tanker from Water on the Spot.
* Financials’ on water hauling for 2020:
  + Began hauling October 12, 2020 until the end of December 2020. McDonald’s Farm hauled 594,000 gallons, at a cost of $31,800: Widefield Water $4,377.00. The cost per 1,000 gallons was $39.80 for CME: Non-CME was $40.17.
  + Due to Widefield Water being closed in bad weather and all major holidays, it was necessary to secure water from another water source. Kathy contacted CSU and purchased a fire hydrant permit in the State Park off Highway 115 to be used when Widefield Water is closed.
  + Kathy negotiated with Water on the Spot to charge $90 an hour instead of $120 an hour. Water on the Spot also stated that they would take 2 hours off the charges if the district would allow them to park the truck and tanker out here so that they would not have to drive it back and forth to Pueblo.
  + Glenn spoke with John & Beth McCowen and asked if the district could park the truck and tanker on their property and permission was given. Glenn will run a power cord to his house to supply the truck with heat on cold nights.
  + Water on the Spot hauled 1,418,000 gallons: Widefield Water $60,719.00: CSU $5969.70. The cost per 1,000 gallons was $29.94 for CME: Non-CME $30.29.
  + Towing, repairs, labor, inspection, misc. to get tanker ready to haul $10,085.58.
  + Total cost to residents to haul water per 1,000 for 2020 is: CME $37.86/1,000 gallons: Non-CME $38.31/1,000 gallons. The charges to date to the residents has been CME $37.77/1,000 gallons: Non-CME $37.42/1,000 gallons. At this time, the rate per gallon will remain at: CME $37.77/1,000 gallons and Non-CME $37.42/1,000 gallons. Each month the rate will be monitored for possible decrease as the district begins to haul less water.
* Projection of water hauling: The well is producing about 15-16,000 gallons a day. We are hopeful that the well will come back and be able to provide daily usage and water hauling will cease. It is anticipated that next week we will begin looking at hauling 3-4 days a week instead of 5.
* The love ditch is running toward the diversion box. Generally, we do not see it nearing the diversion box until spring runoff. This section of the love ditch is not lined. Therefore, it takes it longer as it needs to soak into the ground.
* The district had a zoom meeting with CME, their legal counsel and the district’s legal counsel concerning non-payment from CME for the additional water rate cost beginning in 2020. The board will move into Executive Session to discuss legal advice after the regular session.
* The district discovered that some misunderstandings over the last years concerning work ethic, hours, responsibility for the On Call Operator position. These areas were discussed, and the Board of Directors adopted a resolution to change these areas with a vote of 4-0. These new personnel policy changes were handed out to the employees for signatures and will be placed in their personnel file. These changes were also made in the personnel policy manual.
* A resolution to amend the 2020 budget was presented to the Board of Directors because of the water hauling and extra expenses, the income is not in line with the expenditures. The Board of Directors voted 4-0 to sign the resolution. The business office will post this resolution to the State Auditor and on the DOLA portal.
* The final annual reporting documents were initialed by the Board of Directors to acknowledge that they were filed at the appropriate time for 2020.

**WATER FOREMAN’S REPORT**

**Water Conditions – Glenn Butts**

FOREMANS REPORT

* + Glenn handed out his monthly reports on water hauled and water used
  + The well is slowly gaining every day. The love ditch is running slowly.
  + The district is consistently running between 30-32,000 gallons of water each day. This does not include any leaks within the district.

**BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT  
Kathy Olson**

**Multiple handouts and discussion:**

Difference in gallons used

Water Allotment for the year

Misc. Handouts

Motion made to pay bills: (Christine/Carrie)

Visitor Comments: Larry Saliterman asked how the allotment is divided between the district and John May Wells, LLC. Kathy stated that JMW receives ¼ of all water, and the district received ¾ of all water in the allotment. JMW does receive first usage from the well. They are currently hauling water to provide for their campgrounds. Larry asked again about purchasing water from CSU. Kathy stated that CSU only granted the hydrant meter permit for emergency water use. Larry is concerned that another drought may happen next year.

Motion made to move into Executive Session: 4-0 unanimous vote.

Moved back into regular session: A vote of 4-0 not to extend the offer to Jim Olson for a severance package pay out.

A vote of 4-0 not to accept the proposal letter from CME to make 12 monthly payments on the unpaid balance owed from the additional water hauling costs for 2020. Kathy will contact Ryan Farr and have a letter sent out stating the bylaws, rules & regulations for delinquent accounts and if not paid within a reasonable amount of time, and a possible shut off to all water delivery to CME.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: (Christine/Billy Joe)

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Carranza

Secretary/Treasurer

Rock Creek Mesa Water District