

# East Culpepper Flats DWCA Meeting February 6, 2014

## Those Present

Charles Eppard  
Mary Eppard  
John Wayne  
Ralph Williams  
Derril Gleim  
Glennette Gleim  
Jim Lesher  
Karen Lesher

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm. All notices and agenda was sent out. There was a quorum.

Ralph made a motion to approve the minutes to the last meeting. John seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

## Reports:

Mary gave the financial report. It was as follows:

Hauling water	\$140.00
Fuel	294.50
Maintenance	437.77
Insurance	66.00
Tax & Revenue	107.93
North Star Water	155.30
Total expenses	\$1201.50

Balance in checking is \$1422.88

Derril reported that he had a conversation with David Bishop. David Bishop who works for the Construction Bureau approves everything that goes through the New Mexico Finance Authority. He has to approve everything before it can be finalized. We had some issues on the contract with Forsgren & Associates so Derril wanted to consult with David about these issues. David informed Derril that the wording in the contract couldn't be changed because that comes from the state, the NMFA. He advised that we can have additions to the contract. Derril sent David a copy of the contract and a copy of the modifications we received from Lloyd. David said he would look at it and get back to us. He also informed Derril that signing to proceed with it doesn't really do

much and that there are several steps to go through. He advised that after he gets it and considers it that there is another step for approval before we sign to get the work started. David said he will look at it and make sure everything is correct and get back to us and then we probably should go ahead and get started.

Derril reported that he talked to Donzil and sent him the modifications. Donzil informed Derril that he couldn't get to it right then but would get to it early next week. Donzil said he would clarify the wording that everyone knows that there will be no bills or payments asked for until the money is released from the NMFA.

Charlie gave a report on the new pump motor for the water truck. The coil on the old pump motor quit working. The motor was built in 1941 and the coil would be over \$200.00. After discussion with Charlie and Derril they decided we would be better off to buy a new pump motor which was \$449.61 which included one year warranty instead of a 90 day warranty and fuel to travel to Albuquerque and back. Derril and Charlie installed the motor and it is working very well.

Derril reported that there is a controversy over the water meters. Lloyd says we can use what we have in stock already. Last month we discussed the new lead free regulations that have been added. Derril will do more research and make sure we can continue to use the meters we have in stock.

#### New Business:

Derril made a motion to form a working group consisting of 5 volunteers made up of meter owners. The working group would be able to meet and talk about what it takes to keep our system operating. They would meet anytime they felt it necessary. The group would not be able to act upon any decision. But they could discuss problems and come up with resolution to problems and present them to the board for approval or to be denied. The group will give notice 7 days before a meeting in order to be added to the agenda. Derril reported that other small water companies follow this procedure and it speeds up the process when problems arise. After discussion it was decided to ask for 3 volunteers. Charlie, John and Derril volunteered. John made a motion to vote on the three volunteers and Ralph seconded the motion. It was approved.

There was discussion on our budget. We need to raise our water bill to break even with our budget. We need to have a reserve and need to discuss how much we need in reserve. There was discussion on having an extra line item on our water bill to build our reserve. When the reserve is met that line item will be taken away. There will be more study done and will be voted on in a later meeting.

It is possible that in the future we will have to hire a certified operator to test and treat our water. We wouldn't be able to do this ourselves.

Derril made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

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