

Bone Mesa Domestic Water District
Board Meeting on January 15th, 2025
12432 4050 Rd., Paonia, CO.

7:00 pm

AGENDA

On January 15, 2025 at 7:04pm, the regular meeting of the Board of the Bone Mesa Domestic Water District was held. This meeting was called to order at 12432 4050 Rd., Paonia, CO by Dan Buzzell Buzzell, President. Steve Smith, Vice President was present, establishing a quorum. Emily Carroll and Jeremiah Garcia were also present.

Public Comments: None

Dan Buzzell made a motion to approve the December 11th, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Steve Smith seconded the motion, and all present were in favor.

Monthly Reports

Treasurer

reported:

Bank account balances as of January 15, 2025 were:

Tap installation account: \$7,592.78

Reserve: \$105,464.22

Checking: \$22,112.61

CD: \$105,499.54

December Income **\$9568.18** plus **\$400.19** interest & property tax income,
Expenses were **\$14,542.40.** Net loss was **\$4974.22**

ORC

Kirk reported;

“Funk” Meter was moved out of the road onto customer’s property. Original Meter Yoke, Meter & Meter pit were used. New Purcore was installed from the mainline to new meter. Cost of project to customer \$1,818, will be paid in 3 installments. Alarm triggered at treatment plant on Dec 20th. ORC found leak on 3770 rd. Meter body cracked – it may have frozen. The meter did have corrosion on inside of body. Alarm triggered at treatment plant on Jan 10, flow increased to keep up with demand. Leak discovered Jan 11, an air vac fittings had frozen in open position. Kendall Excavating pumped pit out and removed the air vac. Air vac will be repaired and reinstalled. 1/15/25 Customer at Eagle Butte had frozen line on their side, which they repaired. Sampling bottles for the year were ordered, Kirk is preparing to collect quarterly samples. Sanitary Survey has been postponed until further notice

due to Inspector being sick. Quarterly Calibrations at treatment plants were performed.

Accountant

Emily reported:

ACH payments for November were processed 1/14/25.

Template is being worked on for new billing post cards, so that all information properly aligns on customer invoices.

Due to new billing software integration issues, late fees did not process. The issue will be resolved after next session with El Dorado tech support.

BMDWD will waive all December late fees due to the software issue. The District will reinstate the late fee policy starting with the January billing cycle. DOLA still has not given Emily access to the DLG e-filling portal. Jeremiah will upload the budget reports that are due by the end of the month.

Admin

Jeremiah reported;

Looked into WIFIA, much like SRF, minimum loan of \$5million @ current treasury rate upon closing of loan. Can defer principal and interest for 5 years.

Following progress on other small community water systems grant funding efforts to improve distribution system and eliminate losses. Those systems are investigating Bearu of Reclamations WATERSmart Grant, Small System Efficiency.

Registered for webinar w/ DLG to learn about DOLA resources.

Title 32-1 Official. Viva is still the DLG Officer to receive communications.

Can change via their website.

Recommends BMDWD does a cost analysis of water losses. What is the annual average cost of goods to treat 1,000 gallons of water? (Filters, Chlorine, electricity)

East line 2 loss % was 36%. Found usage for 1 customer typically under 500 gallons but this month over 51,000gal on that section. Recommends examining closer the correlation between the section loss and the current spike in usage. Directors pointed out that because of the distribution system is connected, such that, some areas of the distribution system can be fed by either treatment plant depending on demand. Jeremiah will investigate.

Submitted Transparency Notice to the Electorate on DLG e-filling portal.

Will work on bringing Distribution Asset Inventory current. Operation and Maintenance documents included a 2011 System Improvement Project Preliminary Engineering Report and some spreadsheets regarding capital improvements since 2011. Will create system for recording leak reports in GIS. The District will need a new study to be eligible for project funding.

Water Flow Report	Usage	% loss/Gai
Loss		
Line 1	27971	12
East Line 2	2061	2
West Line 2	1865	5
Above meters	-802	-11
Eagle Butte Rd	44556	42
Line 3	38446	51
Spurlin	135313	76
Spurlin South	-927	-42
South Back River Rd	-460	-1
Total Loss	248023	30

Old Business

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- Mays Raw Tank Upgrade
Needs to be backfilled.
- Grants
CWCB's next deadline for Water Supply Reserve funding is June 1st. Steve is looking into CDPHE's Planning Assistance grant, awards are up to \$25,000 and do not require a match.
- El Dorado Billing
Emily has meeting w/ El Dorado to resolve an issue with transferring all of customers data, but the new billing software is for sending invoices and receiving payments.
- Answering Service
Answering Service has transferred.
- Sanitary Survey
Was canceled until further notice.
- Delta County Courts withdraw and transfer
Viva completed this action with a letter to the County Court's Clerk
- Audit Exemption Request
BMDWD is still waiting to receive a letter from DOLA that their Exemption letter was accepted.

New Business

- Annual Meeting with Town
 - Meeting with Town of Paonia is set for 2/12/2025, as required with agreement between parties. For discussion;
 - Infrastructure
 - Access to splitter box infrastructure
 - Review agreements

Adoption of Resolution 2025-1 Agenda Notice Posting Place: Steve read the resolution to the Board. **Steve Smith made a motion to adopt the resolution.** Dan Buzzell seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Adoption of Resolution 2025-2 2025 Election: Jeremiah notified the Board that all three board member terms will expire in May and he has begun the election process. **Steve Smith made a motion to adopt the resolution.** Dan Buzzell seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Dan Buzzell made a motion to approve the check register for the current checks to be signed.

Steve Smith seconded the motion; all were in favor. Checks were signed.

As there was no further business, the meeting was **adjourned at 8:31pm.**

Dan Buzzell, President

Jeremiah Garcia, Meeting Secretary