

Ute Pass Water District Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2025

UPWD Plant Building, Durango, Colorado

Meeting began at 4 pm, Shelby Hieb, Kirstin Brown, Keith Burgess, Dave Preszler, Bud Smith, Mary Ellen Allen and Eric Hassel were present. Paul Ehrenfeuchter was out of town.

Roll Call – attendance taken

Previous meeting minutes were approved.

Public comment – none

Discussed neighborhood issues, recapped the recent water leak and the response sequence which located and successfully stopped the leak. UPWD lost around 100,000 gallons of treated water during the leak, at a cost of less than \$4K.

The pump at Legends cutoff failed. The motor needed to be replaced at a cost estimated at \$4K. BOD discussed buying a backup pump this year.

Discussed the water customer in the Cliffs development. The Cliffs HOA need to handle the billing issue there.

Discussed financials, nothing unusual to note. The water leak and motor (for Legends pump) expenses will have some impact on February's financials.

Discussed Process Controller, two suppliers/manufacturers have been contacted for price and installation quotations.

Discussed other UPWD potential upgrades. Steve Hanson with Ambient Water will tour UPWD and make suggestions that would upgrade the district's infrastructure and overall system reliability.

Discussed cost effectiveness of having an emergency water line from the CoD vs trucked in water. Trucked in water looks like the best option.

Discussed meter pits, meter and service line policy.

Discussed proposed IGA with the CoD. All should review and submit comments.

Grant Writing Assistance Fund - applied and denied

Administrative Grant Letter - will submit to Patrick Rondinelli soon

EIAF Grant - will apply in the future after we have an engineering plan.

Adjourned meeting at 5:30pm

