

Mountain Mutual Water Company  
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The Regular meeting of Mountain Mutual Water Company Board of Directors was called to order at approximately 6:09 pm, February 18, 2019.

**Board in attendance:** Ed Dunn, Mike Bonar, Jim Noble, Bill Martin, Sherry Kramer, plus Louise Noble.  
Guest: Dewane Bomar.

**Call to Order:** Ed called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Jim moved to approve the minutes, Bill seconded and all approved.

**Agenda:** Jim moved to approve agenda with addition; Sherry seconded and all approved. Added EES dispute to New Business.

**Bills:** Outside the normal monthly bills were paid with the following exceptions – December bills: RMG, Teller County, LPB Printing, Black Mountain, Hydrologix, Hub International, Front Range Winwater, and Pikes Peak Credit Union. January bills: Teller County, Tri-County Septic, Colorado Rural Water, EES, Jet Services, and Colorado State Treasurer. Ed moved to approve bills, Sherry seconded and all approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim – This was the first month of providing the month over month income. User fees were flat; however, availability and special assessment fees went up as compared to this time last year. Special Assessment payments are being deposited into higher yield account with Community Bank. The Treasurers Report is attached. Ed moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Mike seconded and all approved.

**Old Business:**

*Operational Update* – Louise - New monitoring system installed December 12<sup>th</sup> and we are already seeing decreased costs as a result of the new system.

The low flow issues with the meters seems to have been resolved, this issue will be updated next month.

Black Hills Energy repaired the outside pole light.

Due to new State regulations we have been changed from Tier 2 to Tier 1 within the 811 system. This change may increase the number of calls we receive for utility locates.

The pump at the pump house was replaced with a submersible pump on January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>. The old pump was pulled from the well and the new pump was installed. The old pump flowed at 120 gpm; the new one at 140 gpm. The new pump fills the tank in about 11 hours versus 40 hours for the old pump, this should be reflected in a decrease in the electric bill.

There was a leak on Gold King, the crews worked most of the weekend to make the repair. It only affected one customer at the lower end of Gold King.

There are currently 17 customers that are frozen; they are generally low usage customers.

Upgraded the power supply at the pump house for the monitoring system.

Brian passed his excavation license; he is also getting certified in fusion.

*Annual Meeting* – Ed - The Board will be sent a draft agenda and will finalize at the March meeting. Discussion of the future of Mountain Mutual to be included on the agenda (Plans, Hopes and Dreams). The agenda will be posted on the website. Jim to develop a rolling PowerPoint.

*Website Implementation* – Ed - Ed and Louise will continue to work on implementation of the website.

*Deer Mountain* – Louise - The Board reviewed the costs to Deer Mountain based on the current rates. This item has been continued to a future meeting based on the use of the new pump.

**New Business:**

*EES Dispute* – Ed - EES was retained to provide an evaluation of several line replacements and other system changes as identified in the scope of work. EES claims they have exhausted their budgeted amount for the project. The information they provided was not relevant to our system. In their report they recommended the need to hire a tank consultant.

The board does not believe EES has provided the information that was requested in the Scope of Work. Their model indicated that the system will not work, although it has been functioning for 40 plus years. In addition, they were not able to justify why a tank consultant was required. EES notified MMWC that the contract will be terminated, and they have been paid for the contracted amount. The Board has a legal opinion that EES is in breach of contract. A letter has been drafted for review by the board to EES addressing the Boards concerns.

Ed made a motion to send the letter to an attorney for review and input. The board will be asking for a refund as a remedy or moving forward with legal action. Jim seconded, all approved. Motion carried unanimously.

*Office Replacement* – Jim - The currently building has serious age-related issues and needs to be replaced. MMWC owns the lot adjacent to the fire station. We have requested a new address on this lot to make it more accessible. The POA has no objections to moving the building to the new lot. Tough Shed has a 1500 sq. ft. building shell for \$60,000. This can be financed similar to the new meters. Next step will be to confirm with the County if the lot can be rezoned.

**Office Items:** None.

**Public Session:** None.

**Adjournment:** Bill adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm, Jim seconded, and all approved.

**Executive Session:** The Board held a short executive session.