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The Annual Meeting of Mountain Mutual Water Company was held at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 16th, 2013 at Rocky Mountain Chapel. The meeting was attended by 25 residents, 4 board members (Donna Brazil, Eric Cernyar, Jim Noble, and Hope Christensen), and two employees (Don Hindman, and Kevin Karloske).

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Brazil at 10:05 am. This was followed by an introduction of the Board Members and staff. The agenda for the 2013 annual meeting and the minutes for last years meeting were approved.

Donna Brazil asked attendees to please go over the literature set out for them.

Person's running for positions on the board were, Norm Lindstrom, Bill Martin, Linda Bender and Jim Noble.

Donna Brazil introduced Barbara Riley-Cunningham and thanked her for helping the board with the Strategic Plan, with no cost to us. Donna talked about our first meet and greet held in Cripple Creek, with people who also deal with water issues. Employees and contractors from the mine, and the cities of Cripple Creek and Victor were there to meet with us and give us their input and offer their help.

Donna went over the thousands of dollars MMWC employees saved by Kevin finding the equipment we needed to put in the HDPE pipe. The equipment new would have cost \$ 48,000. Kevin found it used for \$8,000. Kevin did a demonstration of how the pipe fitter works after the meeting.

Treasurer Jim Noble used a power point presentation to review our Financial Position as of 12/31/2012. Jim explained our cash on hand was low because of purchasing outright the new HDPE equipment. Our cash position is solid even after spending \$78,000 on this equipment. Our investment funds are making maximum interest while continuing to stay liquid in case we need the cash quickly for an emergency.

Jim continued by going over our billing cycle and our avenues of income. Our two sources of income are, vacant land availability fees, and homes paying for water use. Income from vacant land is 42%; income from water users is 54%. The rest of the projected income is 4% coming from repair fees.

Jim went over our on-going collections on delinquent availability fees; out of \$62,000, 40% of the fees are uncollectable. Last year we recouped \$12,000. We will continue to pursue collections in house.

Jim went over the rise in our monthly bills, gas, oil, electricity and water testing fees. Water testing fees have gone up 100 % while electricity and gas have increased 40% and 30% respectively.

Jim answered many questions from attendees and explained our two directives are to have water and keep it at a reasonable rate.

Questions were answered about the proposed transmission line by Jim and Don. We will need to secure a loan from USDA for the transmission line. We are non-profit so most grants are not available to us. To keep costs down we will replace what we can by ourselves. We will need to bring in an outside company to do the main line.

Don Hindman explained that leaky pipes cause a lot of water loss. 20 years ago, 120 homes were serviced by fixing the pipes. We are now servicing 240 homes with the same amount of water.

There was a fifteen minute break and volunteers counted the ballots just submitted. All ballots submitted prior to March 14th were counted and certified by our accountants Chulick and Kozleski. Jim Noble and Bill Martin were elected to the board. Hope Christensen made a motion to declare the election, Eric Cernyar seconded, all approved.

Donna went over the items on the Strategic Plan that have been completed and what has yet to be done for the upcoming year.

Don Hindman went over the path that the proposed transmission line will take.

Eric Cernyar gave a presentation on where we want to be with the pressure and flow of the water with the new transmission line, the projected costs and ideas on a spread sheet. Eric is currently drafting a report for the USDA to go over from a packet of 60 pages that they sent to MMWC.

Secretary Hope Christensen talked about her duties on the board and the making of a welcome packet for new members of MMWC.

Don Hindman answered questions about the components of the infrastructure, and the state and county mandates for the testing of surface water and ground water. MMWC has plenty of water and one of the cleanest records with no problems. Don also talked about the meters and meter pits that were implemented by state laws. The meters help identify any problems. Issues of the freeze plates freezing were brought up to the board. MMWC has been replacing these as it happens.

Donna Brazil and Gary Birch discussed the plans to fix a culvert in the road causing ice build up by the mail boxes. This issue was a combined effort between the POA and MMWC. The culvert will be dug up, fixed, and re-set. MMWC will quick claim deed the property with the mail boxes to the POA. The property lines will be vacated between them to create an access. The POA insurance will then cover the property and both the POA and MMWC will maintain the road. There will be an addition of 30 more mail boxes and mail delivery numbers will change to the physical address. Gary Birch made a statement that it is important that both boards worked together to make a solution.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:54pm by Jim Noble; the motion was seconded by Eric Cernyar.