

UPPER SURFACE CREEK DOMESTIC  
WATER USERS ASSOCIATION  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 20, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm. Board members present were Deb Christner, Steve Hanson, Bob Halley, Ken Besel, John Walker, and Kacy Stillings. Bryan Klaseen was absent. Also present was Amber McPherson and Kurtis Jones.

**Minutes:**

MOVED BY Ken Besel to accept the December 13, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes as presented.  
SECONDED BY John Walker  
MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

**Financial Report:**

The Financial Reports were reviewed and discussed for December 2022.  
MOVED BY Kacy Stillings to accept the financials as presented.  
SECONDED BY Bob Halley  
MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.  
The Financial Reports were reviewed and discussed for January 2023.  
MOVED BY Bob Halley to accept the financials as presented.  
SECONDED BY John Walker  
MOTION CARRIED with no opposing votes.

**EOM Report:**

The End of Month report data was received for December 2022. Usage was 2 million gallons more than December 2021.  
The End of Month report data was received from January 2023. Usage was 1.8 million gallons more than January 2022.

**Bank Loan:**

Kacy Stillings brought the loan agreement to the meeting. The loan is \$500,000.00 for 20 years with a variable rate every 5 years. Current rate is 5.3625% for the next 5 years. Collateral used to secure the loan is water shares.  
MOVED BY Ken Besel to approve the \$500,000 loan to replace the Milk Creek Line.  
SECONDED BY Bob Halley  
MOTION CARRIED with one abstaining vote.

**Lead & Copper:**

The state of Colorado has mandated by October 2024 USCDWUA must know what material all their member service lines are constructed with. A state designed survey to ascertain this information will soon begin.

**Plant Update:**

The water treatment plant has been going through 3,000-4,000 gallons of propane a winter just for heat. The guys went through and determined there was no insulation in the plant. Leon's Insulation installed insulation in January. This should cut down on the propane bills.

**Installation Fee:**

The expense of boring, when applicable, is included with the installation fee.

**Forest Service Resiliency:**

Ken Besel gave an update on the latest meeting with the Forest Service. Next meeting will be March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Old Business:**

Water Line Replacement: Cactus Park Rd is on hold. Milk Creek, T-75 Rd.  
Reconnect with Cedaredge: The Cedaredge Town Administrator is interested in a reconnection for Emergencies.  
Valve Locations: Work is progressing on GPS Valve locations, at least 50% done.  
Financial Review: Financial Review for 2022 was completed by Randy Fischer CPA in January 2023.  
Funding for Distribution: Looking at different options for future funding.  
Education: Kurt & Jed are working on Class III and Class II Distribution.

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:48 pm with no other business.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Amber McPherson, Secretary-Treasurer