

# **SDWD Meeting Minutes 12.30.25**

## **Quick Recap**

The board meeting began with technical discussions about setting up a panoramic camera and reviewing the treasury report, including budget approvals and financial updates. The group addressed various infrastructure projects, including water main repairs and contractor bidding processes, while also discussing the potential switch from Zoom to a cheaper conference call recording system. The conversation ended with decisions about separating the water district from community events, addressing concerns about aggressive dogs interfering with meter readings, and approving changes to bank account access and Christine's contract.

## **Summary**

### **Panoramic Camera Setup Troubleshooting**

SDWD and Nick discussed technical issues related to setting up a panoramic camera for a meeting. SDWD was having trouble accessing the panoramic feature, and Nick guided them through the process of selecting the owl camera from a list. They also briefly touched on funding for a sport, but no clear resolution was reached. SDWD mentioned admitting people to the meeting and noted the presence of an anonymous observer.

### **Treasury and Budget Review Meeting**

The board meeting began with attendance confirmation and approval of previous meeting minutes. Thomas presented the treasury report, noting checking and public funding account balances, along with November and December revenue and expenses. The board approved the final budget after reviewing only minor changes.

### **Water Infrastructure Bidding Discussion**

The meeting discussed ongoing bids and grants related to water infrastructure projects. Mike reported that three contractors were bidding on projects, but they needed more detailed scope information. The group discussed main valves and frost line requirements, with Steve explaining that Gunnison County specifies pipes must be 42 inches deep. They agreed that while homeowners can dig pits, the water board is responsible for main line repairs. The team decided to explore separate bids for different types of projects, particularly those requiring street work which would need county permits. Steve offered to set up a Zoom meeting to record discussions with contractors. The conversation ended with a reminder to follow up with Kirk regarding a video camera system for the water plant as part of the OJT Grant.

### **Zoom Alternative System Evaluation**

The board discussed changing from Zoom to a cheaper conference call recording system, which would cost \$36 annually compared to the current Zoom costs of \$16-18 per month. While the new system would provide recordings without video, it would require manual minutes transcription and might not meet state requirements for certain meetings. The board decided to gather more information about the system's capabilities and costs before voting on the change, with Christine agreeing to research the current Zoom costs and Nick requesting details about the proposed system's functionality.

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### **Water Compliance and Payment Planning**

The team discussed lead and copper compliance, where recent test results passed and a temporary solution was approved by Kurt and submitted to CDPHE for monitoring the CL50 levels. SDWD raised concerns about proper placement of injectors in the water lines, emphasizing the need to follow design specifications, which Kurt will address. The group also addressed the engineer bill, which came in under \$12,000, and decided to make monthly payments over three months while seeking grant funding from Dola and other entities.

### **Water District Event Separation Plan**

The board discussed separating the Water District from community events to reduce drama and legal liability. They agreed that community members should sponsor and organize events themselves, rather than the Water Board taking responsibility. The board also reviewed current policies for using the community building for events, including deposit requirements for private events and the need to inspect the building after events to ensure proper cleanup and maintenance.

### **Water District Event Separation**

The board discussed separating the water district from hosting community events, particularly holiday parties, to reduce drama and potential conflicts. Nick suggested that businesses can host such events, and a motion was made to separate the district from these events, with fees and regulations to be discussed later. The conversation ended with a brief mention of aggressive dogs preventing meter readings, which Eddie was asked to explain further.

### **Dog Interference in Meter Readings**

The group discussed concerns about dogs interfering with water meter readings in Somerset. Nick explained that aggressive dogs at large can be ticketed under animal control laws, and suggested calling the sheriff when such issues arise. The team agreed to monitor the situation, with the possibility of revisiting policies around charging extra fees for inaccessible meters.

### **Approving Christine's Contract and Access**

The board approved removing Sue Korn from all online bank accounts and adding Christine Gilchrist with read-only access for bank account review. They also approved Christine's contract after reviewing it, though some personal information was redacted as requested. The conversation ended with a motion to approve Christine's contract, which was seconded and passed by the board.

### **Billing and Financial Review Meeting**

The board meeting covered several topics, including the approval of meeting minutes, concerns about billing issues, and accounts with high outstanding balances. Steve raised concerns about community members potentially being double-billed due to lack of payment processing, and he and Nick discussed sending disconnect notices to accounts with significant unpaid balances. The group also reviewed November and December profit and loss statements and balance sheets, and Steve agreed to investigate the lack of interest on the money market account. The conversation ended with a motion to adjourn.

