## **Ute Pass Water District Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

November 12, 2024 UPWD Plant Building, Durango, Colorado

Meeting began at 4 pm, Shelby Hieb, Dave Preszler, Kirstin Brown, Keith Burgess, Eric Hassel, Marry Ellen and Bud Smith. Paul Ehrenfeuchter was absent.

Reviewed the meeting minutes from last meeting. Minutes were approved.

Public comments, no one had any comments.

Discussed CoD response to UPWD request of a decision on the engineering options to pursue in anticipation of becoming part of the CoD water system. The city's response was that they were not in a position to add UPWD to their system, and this was not in the CoD 5-year plan.

UPWD will move forward with Option 4 from our engineering report.

We need to determine if the state will require a Dual Train Treatment system, rather than the current single train system being used. Dual Train Treatment system may require redesign of the current treatment plant.

Discussed the need for a second water source.

Reviewed fire hydrant testing SOP. Approved by the BOD.

GIS Mapping update, nothing new to report.

Financials, discussed that 3 months of operating expenses is considered a minimum balance to have on hand as a reserve. Year to date we are operating at a deficit.

Discussed increasing customer Base Fee. Need to schedule a rate increase hearing, using Teams, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Discussed mil levy, it was agreed to set it at 10 mil.

Discussed the HOA pond and the need to put a formal agreement in place outlining the relationship between the HOA and UPWD.

Adjourned at 5pm

Submitted by Keith Burgess