



Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Time:	March 2, 2023; 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Meeting Location:	Red Barn Guest Ranch
Minutes Prepared by:	Kaitlyn Kuersten

PARTICIPANTS		
BOARD MEMBER:	SECTION REP.	IN ATTENDANCE?
John Kuersten	President	Yes
Kyle Laidlaw	VP / Ditch Walker	Yes
Kaitlyn Kuersten	Secretary/Treasurer	Yes
Mike Gross	Technical Consultant	Yes
Steve Morris	1	Yes
Marc Hogan	2	Yes
Roy Cerise	3	Yes
Ryan Murr	4	Yes
Fred Kuersten	5	Yes
Debera Dice-Stewart	6	Yes
Richard w/ Trout Unl.		Yes
Nancy w. Trout Unl.		
Scott w/ Wright Water Eng.		Yes
Shareholders:	Spreadsheet attached.	Quorum: 65%; 269.23/418.75

REQUIRED ORDER OF BUSINESS (All meetings)	
1	Roll call (by Secretary)

Agenda

Item #	Description
1	The Board of Directors gave “retired” President, Donald Chaplin, a plaque for recognition for many years of dedication to the Roseman Ditch.
2	<p>John review annual meeting Presentation;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed snow pack • Notified Shareholders of all of the BOD meetings from 2022 and what we have been reviewing/updating. • Notify Shareholders of the Website, and review information uploaded and available to them. • Introduce Trout Unlimited to Shareholders in attendance. • Review Infrastructure projects and show pictures of the major problem areas along the ditch. (Talbot, Crooked Pipe and Long Pipe) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review infrastructure age; no upgrades for 40+ years in some areas. ○ Verify problem areas and plan for replacement ○ Review Talbot pipe; been patched with 2x6 and 2x4 and wire; 50+ years old? Last work was done in the early 80’s. Functioning for now, replacement options need to be in place ○ Introduce Trout Unlimited and the grant money that is available through TU
3	<p>Trout Unlimited & Wright Water Presentations 5:56 to 6:27; both presentations will be available on website after Richard’s meeting with Ware & Hinds BOD.</p> <p>Trout Unlimited Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Let shareholders know why TU is interested and ultimately what their objective is. ○ Let shareholders know that we have entered an MOA with TU; and that a match of funds could come up in this years budget for design work. <p>Wright Water Engineers Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review potential “upgrades” on the 21,000 LF of ditch from headgate down Peach Valley to the end • Alternative options: “Shoot for the stars” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: New POD at confluents to keep more water in main stem; down at the CO River • Wright Water Engineering can assist with Engineering • Richard to meet with Gabe (Ware & Hinds) on March 16th. • Time frame for concept plan(s): May/June, July at latest. • Once/If funded, we have 2 years to spend the grants.

TU Questions

- John Kuersten: Beneficial use is a huge factor. HCU shows we are using our water FOR NOW. But we have large leakage and need to prove we can maintain and hold that water.
- Richard Van: Partial abandonment list comes out every 10 years, next one in 2030.
 - Pull decreed amount once in 10 year period to stay off the abandonment list.
 - You basically have to Show INTENT to abandon your right.
 - John K: the better condition our ditch is in will increase property values.
- Combining with W&H eliminated 4 MILES of problem areas.
- Russ Talbott: If W&H does not partner with Roseman will they lose their opportunity to upgrade their infrastructure? John K: Yes. Russ: It seems like a win-win to combine?
- Ed Colby “if we can pull off option B- this would be the best option, is this what the Board has decided?” John K- we have not really decided yet, co-mingling seems like the best option as of now. Marc: Option B will not take Roseman into the future like we would like to. Goal is to take the Roseman into the future 20-50 years.
- Working on maintenance numbers to balance that with the Maintenance expense. Might be higher cost per year, but its more reliable.
- Roseman may need to pay in about \$25,000 unless other funds come in to help fund the 25% match. TU is donating Richard’s time as “in kind funds”.
- John K: Roseman “skin in game”: \$10-20K If first phase; 2nd phase could be around \$100,000
 - Can anyone “donate” “in kind” time, equipment, materials?
 - Donating of time and equipment counts towards the Ditch Co contribution.
 - low interest loans could be an option
 - Compare to cost of “doing nothing” now. If we don’t plan and prepare, it could be catastrophic.
 - We are going to ask Town of New Castle to assist in matching funds for their Trails etc.
 - Ken Kuhns: “what do we risk losing?” “Can they take our money and run?” John K- Yes, this is a risk. Richard: CWCB knows what the proposal is, asking for 375, River Dist. \$50k.
 - We will not contract until they find the 25% match.
 - Roseman’s Contract is with TU: No money is administered until all funds are “raised”.
 - If all else fails we are left with a full set of engineered plans to go after a different grant. Risk is not zero but it’s not high.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deb Stewart: “if we asked for a task force, would we have the back-up?” Something to think about.
4	<p>Secretary/Treasurer’s Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Balance Sheet & Income Statement displayed on TV but did not print out copies; copies are available upon request. ● Website is up to date with notices, spreadsheets for shareholders and meeting dates. ● Review new invoice format: description lines ● Payment plans are acceptable IF communicated with Kaitlyn ● Deb: central PO Box in silt assigned to Roseman Ditch. All correspondence to PO Box, contact through website. ● Budget is adopted: ZERO Opposed ● Kaitlyn will send invoices out within the next week.
5	<p>2023 Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013- Sliding scale for assessments was voted in; Policies & Procedures section 5.06 item #2; under BOD Responsibilities. ○ Draft assessments based on Par Value spreadsheet ○ 2009/2010 was the last increase ○ Notify Shareholders that if we do not have enough money; we will have to have a special assessment if/when an emergency arises. ○ We have applied for grants for repairs along the ditch; Roseman needs to be prepared to match the grants to some degree. \$5,000-\$10,000? We should show this in our 2023 budget. ○ \$120/assessment and a \$210/Headgate fee was adopted
6	<p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Can we carry our full capacity of water? CDFS is showing 20-25 CFS as of 2023. ● Armijo; leaking; ditch has void/falling off the hill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ John is going to order Ditch Liner from H&H Lining to line that section of the ditch; 10’x 200’ roll is around \$1,100 (\$.40/sf); need 2 rolls for now. ● Crooked Pipe: 40-50 years old; needs major attention ● Talbott Pipe: Could be \$150,000-200,000 minimum.
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board Member Elections: Section 5: Fred Kuersten; Retained Section 6: Debera Stewart-Dice; Retained President: John Kuersten; Retained
8	<p>Next BOD meeting scheduled for March 17, 2023 @ 8:00 a.m. at Kuersten Construction’s office.</p>