

# **OVERLAND DITCH AND RESERVOIR CO.**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**July 13, 2023**

**5:00 pm**

**Redlands Mesa Grange Hall**

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by David Kuntz

In attendance were:

Directors: Jerry Adams, Debbie Gray, Wyatt Wilson and Bryan Klaseen

Overland Ditch Manager: Ray Penland

Secretary/Treasurer: Shellie Gies

Overland Ditch Rider: Austin Paris

Overland Shareholders: Lance Rundle and Dave Whittlesey

Redlands Mesa Water Users President: Tom Meyers

### **AGENDA: Stands**

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the June 8, 2023 meeting was presented.

MOVED BY: Jerry Adams, to approve June 8, 2023 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Wyatt Wilson

MOTION CARRIED: with no opposing votes.

### **TREASURER REPORT:**

Shellie handed out Bills to Pay and Budget Comparison

MOVED BY: Jerry Adams, to pay the bills and except the Treasure's report.

SECONDED BY: Wyatt Wilson

MOTION CARRIED: with no opposing votes.

### **OPERATIONS:**

Ray said the snow melt flow is dropping. The ditch has all been cleaned for now. We are taking all the Terror and Hubbard water and had to add 20 cfs of reservoir water the other day. The reservoir is still spilling, but not for much longer. Where the rubber liner used to be may be sinking down. Ray will go look and see what we need to do to fix it. The box above the Shanomen Cabin has some logs that have broken in half that need taken out. The flow on the mesa for reservoir water was discussed. In the last few years, we have run 40 to 45 cfs. The Dam inspector said the Overland did not have any restrictions on how much we left in the reservoir at the end of the season. Ray would like to keep 15 ft in the reservoir. The board decided to run 50 cfs on the Mesa.

The Overland Dam Inspection took place on July 10, 2023. Wyatt Wilson, Ray Penland, Austin Paris, Shellie Gies and Doug Christner attended the inspection with Matt Weisbrod, State of Colorado Dam Safety Engineer. The inspection went well. The items Matt wanted addressed were the driftwood along the dam removed and brush and trees removed from both dams. These are normal maintenance items. Other than that, he was pleased with how everything looked and was functioning. The dam inspection went very well. Discussion was had about the Forest Service graveling the dam road. But we do not know if this was going to happen. We would still like to see the road closed to traffic if the Forest Service will not maintain the road. This is an issue with our dam inspections every year. The Dam Inspector does understand that this is the Forest Service's responsibility.

Lance has not graveled the road into the headgates yet. Shellie mailed a letter to Redlands Mesa and Current Creek about sharing the cost. She has not heard back from either one of them yet.

We received an email from Terry O'Brian giving us notice that road work would begin on his road. He would like to see the Duke Stomp Road repaired and widened as well.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Redland Piping Project: Tom Meyers received an email stating that surface disturbing activity, such as ditch piping, which is outside normal operations and maintenance require review by BLM, which may require filing a new short term or long term right of way. The thought of piping the ditches separately may not be the answer either. We can still lose our permanent easement as well. Contacting state elected officials was discussed, to help with our issues with the BLM. We are not the only companies experiencing these easement issues. Losing our permanent easement is not something any of the Boards want to

consider. This will cost the Shareholders money and a 30-year lease could be changed and cause major harm to the Overland, Redlands Mesa shareholders. Tom Meyers said he could put a letter together fairly quick to get to the elected officials. There are still grant funds available from the Colorado River District. Tom asked if the Durkee Ditch could use the remaining grant funds to proceed with their piping project. Durkee ditch easements are all on private property, so the BLM easement issue is not a problem for them. The Board agreed that Durkee could use the remaining grant money.

The Highline has been running well. The toe of the slide is still moving but slowly. Piping has been discussed for the fall. The water flowing from the hillside is being captured in a 4-inch pipe and is going directly into the ditch. There is still a consistent flow coming from within the hillside.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The board decided to run 50 cfs on the Mesa, after the reservoir is open. Ray would like to leave about 15 ft in the reservoir at the end of the season, if possible.

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**STOCKHOLDER'S CONCERNS:**

None

**BOARD CONCERNS:**

None

**ADJOURN:**

David adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm

Submitted by: Shellie Gies, Secretary