# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Laclede Water District

208-255-4068

 Meeting date August 13, 2025 at Laclede Community Center – 6pm

**Bring meeting to order\***

The meeting was called to order by Dave Stevens at 6:01. Those in attendance were Dave Stevens, Kimberly Swank, Chuck Thompson, Gloria Fletcher of the Board. Bob Hansen from Water Systems Management and Travis Hanson from Idaho Forest Group too. Also in attendance were Ken and Sherry Oakland, and Loren and Penny Eby.

**Approve Minutes\***

Dave asked if anyone wanted the minutes read and no one did. Chuck made a motion to approve them, and Kimberly seconded it. They were approved.

**Changes in Agenda \***

No changes.

**Old Business\***

 **Update from Ardurra \***

Brent Deyo sent an update. On July 24th the bids were opened for the Water System improvements. Here are the results….

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|  | **Full Project** | **Partial Award** |
| Low Bidder, DW Excavating | $7,109,000 | $5,938,000 |
| 5% Contingency | $355,450 | $0 |
| Membrane Equipment (including Tax) | $1,319,543 | $1,319,543 |
| Engineering Services (Design and Construction) | $1,774,174 | $1,774,174 |
| **Total Project Cost** | **$10,393,975** | **$9,031,717** |
| SRF Funds | $5,320,000 | $5,320,000 |
| ARPA Funds | $3,792,475 | $3,792,475 |
| **Total Funding Available** | **$9,112,475** | **$9,112,475** |
| **Estimated Shortage** | **-$1,445,692** | **$80,758** |

Brent suggested we go to DEQ and request additional funding to cover the shortage. Brent sent a letter that Justin will need to sign and send to them. We all decided that was a good idea.

Brent has recommended a partial award be made to the low bidder in the amount of $5,938.000. That allows the contractor to get the project moving. He said the most critical items are the treatment building, intake system and the steel reservoir. The other bids can wait till we get more funding.

Foundation on steel tank should be one that we go forward on. Spring construction on this one. Brent thinks they need to buy the steel right away in case prices go up.

Brent also said we can’t have reservoir without funding some of the other items. Around 100K. Cleaning and coating the existing reservoir.

Intake is complete. Treatment is almost complete except Clorine system. Or go with liquid Clorine for now. Following Brents recommendation to a partial acceptance of 1.0, 2.0 – 2.7 and bid item 5.5. He asked us to approve this. Chuck made a motion to approve, Kimberly 2nd. Approved.

Brent will be in contact with Justin to get the letters signed and sent. We were also told that Danielle Quade, our attorney, was contacted and approved us getting into more debt.

Brent also told us that the contract we had with Ardurra was to take the project through bidding. He asked us to approve an Additional Services Contract covering engineering services during construction on a Time and Material basis. This will also include support with dealing with Veolia. A motion was made from Kimberly to do this with Chuck seconding it and having it approved by the Board.

**Ordinances/By-Laws \* (next steps)**

Need to have an Executive session with Stephanie to go over the changes. Dave will do it but wants input from us to give her. So we need to have a special meeting. Tentative date is September 27th.

**Cross Connection Document**

Gloria will send this via email since it hasn’t gone by mail. Maybe a reminder on the back of the bill. Maybe at the meeting with Stephanie.

**Update on request for people with wells**

Dave created a document that he read to all of us. Right now we only know of a small amount of people that this will effect. The document is included in everyone’s packets.

We have lots of things to consider like:

 Has there been a change of ownership. If yes… nothing happens.

 Is there a meter even installed. Has the meter been activated or used.

We will discuss again after Justin talks with the attorney.

For now, Gloria will send a letter to the four people we know that were forced to connect to the Laclede water and DO NOT have a meter. She will make an extra copy for the office.

**Travis Haller’s additional connection**

Tabled till next month

**Leak on Manley Creek Reimbursement**

We got the final bills for the resident on Manley Creek who dug down and broke the line.

             Water Systems Mgt billed us **$520** for 10 hrs at $52 an hour

  Lynx Waterworks billed us **$5,480** for the 14 hours of a three man crew at $600 an hour

              And 1 truck of sand for $310

  \*Justin will get in touch with our attorney to go after the homeowner for the cost reimbursement. We have pictures and a Sheriffs report.

**Leak on Laclede Shores Drive**

This has been going on for a while. Lynx and Mike thought it was just a low spot in the road. It proved to be a real leak. Lynx fixed it and charged us $6,990 to do it. It is on the bill from WSM with the wrong address. It’s really 577 Laclede Shores Drive.

**Delinquency list for Liens on property**

Gloria made a motion to have Stephanie put liens on people that are far behind. We didn’t see these in the packet last month. Kimberly 2nd and it was passed. In our new Ordinances, we will be writing letters for people who are three months behind and then turning off their water.

**New Business\***

 **Request from Melissa Shockey**

Melissa has two properties with two meters. She would like us to combine both meter readings to give them 10,000 gallons since they don’t use one of the meters. We discussed and decided it was not an option. Gloria will send an email to the office for Shawn to contact her with the Board decision.

**Plant Operation\***

 **Update from Mike on failure of pump**

Mike sent us a price quote of $17,608.82 to replace our failing pump. He then sent an email:

Unfortunately, we're having issues with the last working river pump. The breaker has been tripping almost every day. We got down to 8.6' on Sunday and 12.3' today. It resets and runs fine. I have AMPED coming out to see if it's a bad breaker or the pump is failing. I'll let you know when I know anything. Keep your fingers crossed!

Here's our theory. Since we're running with only one pump, when the filters start to foul, they can't pass filtered water faster than the river pump can supply it. To prevent the plant from overflowing the river pump shuts off. Without the other pump to take some of the load, the constant on-off of the #1 pump causes the circuit to overheat and trips the breaker. So, I have increased the backwash frequency from 48 hours to 24 hours. We will use up an additional 12,000 gallons per day. I hope this makes some sense, but I think this will work.

This was discussed by the Board. We’d rather not spend the $17K because the pump is going to be replaced. We decided to cross our fingers and hope it holds out.

Bob Hansen gave us the Water Production Data. For July it is 3,939,600 which brings a total of 13,396,700 for the year.

**Discussion on cleaning office area**

Gloria will talk to Mike and see if he still wants us to do this.

**Water User Forum**

Travis Hanson told us that with the new Ordinances the water bill from the Mill will triple.

He told us his supervisors have been very concerned about this. A discussion followed

Dave would like to meet with Travis to go through the water usage. They both thought this to be a good idea.

More comments came about the new rates from our users.

**Treasurer’s Report \***

Kimberly gave the Treasurer’s report.

 Umpqua Checking 428,206.48

 Umpqua Reserve Acct 21,601.84

 Mountain West Flex account 224,232.24

**Review/Pay the bills \***

Gloria made a motion to pay the bills. Kimberly seconded it and it was approved.

**Adjournment \***

8:02 meeting was adjourned.

**\*Action items**