

# Double Horn Creek Water Supply Corporation

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Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors  
2:00 p.m. at 103 Vista View Trail, Suite 100, Double Horn, TX  
January 22, 2025

Meeting called to order at 2:04 p.m.

- ❖ Curtis Raetz, President
- ❖ Harry Brunner, Vice President
- ❖ Pilar Chiodo, Secretary/Treasurer
- ❖ Roger Trejo, Director
- ❖ Sig Sereno, Director
- ❖ Curtis Jeffrey, SUS Representative
- ❖ Ed Coleman, Member
- ❖ Lisa Sharp, Member
- ❖ Wayne Rathe, Member
- ❖ Laura Rathe, Member
- ❖ Jerry Schultz, Member
- ❖ Robin Schultz, Member
- ❖ Bob Link, Member
- ❖ Cathy Sereno, Member
- ❖ Lou Ann Raetz, Member

1. Summary of meeting notice published. Confirmed a quorum is present.
2. Ripple 2.0 Bulk Water Delivery, LLC Contract Discussion and Action. Due to travel delays the Ripple representative was unable to make the meeting so the meeting was cancelled. There is one thirty day contract that will be signed for hauling water. Curtis Jeffrey has a couple of issues that need to be fixed. Firstly, extend a hose beyond the gate so the water truck does not have to enter the facility. Secondly, receive a log from Ripple with the amount of water hauled each day. Before the contract can be signed, the indemnification paragraph needs to be removed and some typos corrected. Harry asked if there was a way to know the exact amount of water pumped into the tank. Sig said there was a feature that would allow this but it requires WiFi service at the tank. Sig Sereno made a motion to sign the initial thirty day contract with Ripple with the indemnity paragraph removed, seconded by Harry, all approved.

3. Distribution, Discussion, and Approval/Modification of the December 18, 2024 Meeting Draft Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes by Roger Trejo, seconded by Sig Sereno, all approved.
4. Member and Public Comments:
  - a. Ed Coleman asked that last month's request to add an item to the annual meeting agenda to discuss the possibility of the city of Double Horn managing our water in the community be formally rescinded.
  - b. Ed Coleman presented a handout with data showing that we do not have a water problem, rather we have a well problem. He did research and showed a map with our existing wells as well a large Marble Falls aquifer located in our area and very close to existing wells. Reports show that this aquifer is fairly shallow and we should use our current resources to drill pilot wells within three hundred feet of the plant into this aquifer. This would be a more affordable and viable option than a deep well. The resources Ed used are as follows:
    - i. Texas Water Development Board (Water Data Interactive) [Groundwater Data Viewer Page](#)
    - ii. [Marble Falls Aquifer Viewer Page](#) (*Double Horn Focus*)
    - iii. Texas Water Development Board "Numerical Model Report: Minor Aquifers in Llano Uplift Region of Texas" report – Page 3-97 (above) and A-4.
5. Operator's Report and Discussion/Update.
  - a. The wells and plant are all functioning well other than the low water levels.
  - b. Curtis Jeffrey stated that very minimal water is actually flushed onto the ground. The majority of the "flushed" water listed in our director's reports is recycled back into the plant.
6. Confirm Next Meeting Date/Time. Next meeting date scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 2:00 p.m. at 103 Vista View Trail, Suite 100, Double Horn, Texas.
7. Drought and Water Restriction Monitoring, Planning, and Member Communications/Actions.
  - a. Will begin supplemental water hauling in February and will bill members for this water. This will be presented at the annual meeting on Saturday, January 25, 2025.
8. Financial and Business Operations Discussion, Update, and Action
  - a. Wrote checks for Spicewood Utility Services (SUS), Oliver, Rainey, and Wojtek (ORW), and Ripple 2.0 Bulk Water Delivery.

- b. Reviewed Bank Statements, Income Statement and Balance Sheet. Balances as expected, no action required.
  - c. Reviewed Director's and SUS End-of-Month (EOM) Reports. There are members who habitually use excessive water. Board still trying to determine the best legal way to deal with this issue.
9. Discussion, Update, and Action as Needed
- a. Requests for Water Bill Adjustment. None.
  - b. Joint City of Double Horn, Double Horn Improvement Association, and DHCWC Water Conservation Partnership. The city will be manning an information table at the annual meeting. Will provide brochures on the Water Smart Rebate Program as well as a rebate application. In order to qualify for the rebate a member must be registered with WaterScope and not be in violation of any water restrictions. A drawing for a fifty gallon rain barrel will also be held.
  - c. 2025 Planning:
    - i. Special Projects. Discussed in section 9d.
    - ii. Director Roles and Election. No one has applied for the board of director position that will be open when Harry Brunner leaves at the end of his term.
    - iii. Budget/Revenue. Discussed the 2024 and 2025 budgets that will be reviewed at the annual meeting. The main issue is that asking members to conserve more water will reduce our revenue. New water rates will be proposed at the annual meeting to adjust for inflation, new well, and future facility upgrades. The supplemental bulk water hauling will be a direct pass-through to members.
    - iv. Annual Meeting. The 2026 annual meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2026 at the Spicewood Community Center.
    - v. Other Topics As Needed. None.
  - d. Future Water Security Project Update.
    - i. Water Finance Exchange (WFX). Curtis Raetz had an initial discussion with this philanthropic organization which helps small water utilities develop and assess their current situation, develop a plan to make them healthier, and provide assistance with funding opportunities if necessary. WFX has asked us to sign a letter of engagement before beginning any effort. Harry Brunner made a motion to sign the letter of engagement with WFX, seconded by Roger Trejo, all approved.
    - ii. DHCWSC has signed up with the Texas Rural Water Association (TRWA). Curtis Raetz and Sig Sereno will meet with the TRWA "circuit rider" next week. The hope is that the TRWA will also make an assessment of our current status and needs.
    - iii. DHCWSC contacted Spicewood Crushed Stone (SCS) for any geological reports they had. Roger Trejo and Utskot Svein reviewed the two reports. Roger indicated that both reports discussed faults around SCS before and near the time

SCS started blasting, and no report addressed any issues we currently have with our wells.

10. Current Activity and Priority Planning.

- a. Priority is to continue to work the water hauling effort, future water security, prepare for the annual meeting, and find an approach to deal with members who overuse water.

11. Executive Session - Cancelled.

12. Other Business Properly Brought Before the Meeting: None.

13. Review Past and Current Action Items

- a. Pilar to generate annual meeting member sign-in sheet.
- b. Pilar to get Water Use Survey letter to Curtis Jeffrey.
- c. Sig Sereno to reach out to Amy at Ripple to schedule a meeting to sign contract.
- d. Curtis Raetz to sign WFX letter of engagement.
- e. Curtis Jeffrey to get quotes on transducers and make a recommendation to the board.
- f. Curtis Jeffrey to get water flowing at West Trail entrance meter for DHIA use. This action has been put on temporary hold.
- g. Curtis Jeffrey to continue to monitor the Turner controller and check its warranty status. This is conditional on electrical storms.
- h. Pilar to work with SUS to audit membership database to ensure that the most current contact information for all members is in place to prepare for converting IRIS to TextMagic. This has started but is not yet complete.

14. Adjourned at 3:39 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Roger Trejo, seconded by Sig Sereno, all approved.