

# 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  
March 19, 2025

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

- ❖ Curtis Raetz, President
- ❖ Sig Sereno, Vice President
- ❖ Pilar Chiodo, Secretary/Treasurer
- ❖ Roger Trejo, Director
- ❖ Chris Radosh, Director
- ❖ Harry Brunner, Member
- ❖ Sig Puchacz, Member
- ❖ Cindy Polluconi, Member
- ❖ Jerry Schultz, Member
- ❖ Robbin Schultz, Member
- ❖ Wayne Rathe, Member
- ❖ Laura Rathe, Member
- ❖ Jim Lindsey, Member

1. Summary of meeting notice published. Confirmed a quorum is present.
2. Distribution, Discussion, and Approval/Modification of the February 25, 2025 Meeting Draft Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes by Chris Radosh, seconded by Sig Sereno, all approved.
3. Member and Public Comments: None
4. Operator's Report and Discussion/Update.
  - a. Met with Ripple 2.0 and agreed to extend the existing thirty day contract on an ongoing monthly basis.
  - b. Curtis Jeffrey has been coordinating the delivery of five water truckloads per workday. One day six truckloads were received and water began to spill out of the tank. This is unacceptable and Curtis Jeffrey will work with Ripple to make sure it does not happen again.

- c. Working on new operational metrics that will give us more data during the bulk water hauling phase.
  - d. Bulk water billing is based on proportional water usage for each member and the bills reflect this proportional usage.
- 5. Confirm Next Meeting Date/Time. Next meeting date scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 2:00 p.m. at 103 Vista View Trail, Suite 100, Double Horn, Texas.
- 6. Drought and Water Restriction Monitoring, Planning, and Member Communications/ Actions.
  - a. Many members have signed up with Waterscope which is good news.
- 7. Financial and Business Operations Discussion, Update, and Action
  - a. IRS Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax). Board agreed to file the return. Pilar took action to have ORW file the 990 return with the IRS.
  - b. Wrote checks for Spicewood Utility Services (SUS), Oliver, Rainey, and Wojtek (ORW), Ripple 2.0 Bulk Water Delivery, and Metron-Farnier. The ORW 990 tax fee was high and Pilar took action to find another accounting firm that can do our taxes for a lower price.
  - c. Reviewed Bank Statements, Income Statement and Balance Sheet. Balances as expected, no action required.
  - d. Reviewed Director's and SUS End-of-Month (EOM) Reports. There were three members with excessive water usage. The metrics on the Director's Report was inaccurate so have asked SUS to provide better metrics for March.
- 8. Discussion, Update, and Action as Needed
  - a. Requests for Water Bill Adjustment. None
  - b. Proposed Tariff and Policies Updates. Including water rates and budget/revenue update.
    - i. Reviewed and discussed the proposed new water rates which is roughly an eleven percent increase overall. Discussion resulted in adding a step-up charge at greater than ten thousand gallons versus greater than twenty thousand gallons. Service availability charge stayed the same. The new rates attempt to minimize the financial impact to members using ten thousand gallons or less.
    - ii. Curtis presented the tariff changes which will allow DHCWSC to penalize members who continue to abuse the water use restrictions. The goal of these penalties is to get all members under ten thousand gallons and to stop using water irresponsibly. All board members and attending members approved of the

tariff changes discussed. The issue of water bill adjustments during bulk water delivery will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Curtis made a motion to accept the tariff changes as proposed and discussed and announce it to the members effective April 1, 2025. Seconded by Sig Sereno, all approved.

- c. Joint City of Double Horn, Double Horn Improvement Association, and DHCWSC Water Conservation Partnership. Have had second applicant take advantage of the rebate program; member was awarded a one hundred dollar check. Thanks to Laura Rathe for posting the rebate program information on Facebook. Had discussions with the city regarding a marketing program to include a mail-out of the rebate program brochure, application, and schedule of upcoming presentations with the Texas Master Garden Program at the AgriLife Extension building in Burnet.
- d. [DHCWSC.ORG](http://DHCWSC.ORG) Website Transition to Rural Water Impact. Pilar has looked into transitioning the existing website which currently uses GoDaddy to using website tools provided by Rural Water Impact. This will greatly alleviate the effort required to keep the website up to date. It also provides more internet security and has the capability to send email and text alerts to members. Porting over the members to the new website tool will eventually allow us to transition out of GoDaddy and TextMagic, saving money in the long term. The member database will continue to be private.
- e. Capital Improvement Planning (CIP). The subject of capital improvement came up at the last board meeting and we are committed to putting together a plan which will address future improvement plans on our aging infrastructure. Roger made a motion to create the Capital Improvement Plan committee with Chris Radosh, Sig Sereno, and Curtis Jeffrey. Seconded by Sig Sereno, all approved.
- f. Future Water Security Project Update.
  - i. Member asked if this rate hike addresses future capital improvements and new well(s). These rates do not address those expenses; these rates only cover the increased cost of providing water to the members. Until we have a strategy on what we are going to execute to we cannot add these costs to the rates.
  - ii. Chris Radosh presented options for water security. Options are a) drilling well(s), b) tie-in with Marble Falls or other water distribution system, c) atmospheric water generation, d) drilling into an existing aquifer. The deep drilling (Hickory) is high risk and low reward. More favorable option is drilling into the Ellenberger. Went to Central Texas Water Conservation District and obtained well logs for the area. Lots of wells were drilled in the northern section of our area but lots of dry holes. However, there is one well that produces thirty gallons per minute. Within the confines of our neighborhood there is plenty of water in the Ellenberger aquifer but the water is in pockets and they do not communicate. So this effort is high risk, medium return. He believes we should prioritize known sources of water. One

option is the Burnham Ranch. This would be a quick effort to communicate with them. If this does not pan out, we should find an opportunity to drill into the Ellenberger but not in Double Horn; might be possible to negotiate with areas outside of Double Horn.

- iii. Roger Trejo then discussed his findings with the fault lines in Double Horn that extend into the Burnham Ranch. In order to have any success at finding water, we have to drill on the fault lines. Must drill at least 400-500 feet to ensure we drill into the San Saba past the Marble Falls limestone. Most dry wells are only about two hundred feet deep and therefore not deep enough to reach water.
- iv. Discussion with members about cost of the wells, how to fund them, how to approve it with the members. The State of Texas has declared a water emergency and will provide low interest loans. Member brought the possibility of DHCWSC leasing part of the five acres owned by the DHIA.
- v. Member brought up problem with public perception that Double Horn has a water problem. Must be careful when talking with outsiders so we don't give the impression that our situation is dire. We need to reposition the message around being in front of the water problem that is common to all of central Texas.

#### 9. Current Activity and Priority Planning.

- a. Priority is bulk water effort, future water security, publish the Tariff.

#### 10. Other Business Properly Brought Before the Meeting: None.

#### 11. Review Past and Current Action Items

- a. Curtis Jeffrey to get a quote on a new well meter for the plant that will be more accurate during low flow situations. He has the quote, waiting on the labor quote for the install.
- b. Curtis Jeffrey took action to implement the new metrics and report them to the board.
- c. Pilar took action to post the Director's Report metrics on the DHCWSC website starting with February data; will start with March data since February data was not ready.
- d. Curtis Raetz took an action to put together a capital improvement plan with a five to ten year horizon. This will now be offloaded to the Capital Improvement Plan committee.
- e. Curtis Raetz took action to publish the Tariff by March 1, 2025; now April 1, 2025.
- f. Pilar took action to get more information on Rural Water Impact and present it at the next board meeting. Need another month for more information and certainty.

- g. Curtis Raetz to sign Water Finance Exchange (WFX) letter of engagement. This is on hold pending more information.
- h. Curtis Jeffrey to get quotes on transducers and make a recommendation to the board. Probably unlikely to find one that will fit down the existing access tube; would have to modify the well head. This has been put on hold for now - may not be necessary.
- i. Curtis Jeffrey to get water flowing at West Trail entrance meter for DHIA use. This action has been put on hold due to the current draught stage.
- j. Curtis Jeffrey to continue to monitoring the Turner controller. This is conditional on electrical storms.
- k. 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 will be put on hold pending new website with Rural Water Impact which will have its own database for member data.
- l. Pilar took action to have ORW file the 990 return with the IRS.
- m. Pilar took action to look for a less expensive firm to do our 990 return. ORW has gotten too expensive for DHCWSC.

12. Adjourned at 4:38 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Roger Trejo, seconded by Pilar Chiodo, all approved.