

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CLIFTON WATER DISTRICT

Held January 21, 1976
at Clifton, Colorado
at 7:30 P. M.

Members present were William Barnes, William Ela, Darrell Slogar, Lloyd Charlesworth and Jerry Wimberly. Also present were Ray Schuster, Carl James, Charles Strain, Laveta Kay, Hugh Wise, and Loran Dake. Also present to represent the various construction companies and suppliers were: Lyle States, Dale Klatt, Leon Parkerson, Wayne Christian, Ron Jaynes, Ed Hackler, Bruce Shull, Richard L. Atkins, Richard Kipp, Ted Hardy, Bill Rambells, Cecil Reese, Jack Ritter, George Lynch, and Wayne Wright.

Mr. Schuster opened and read bids as follows:

Reed Engineering Construction Co.	93,310.00
Leon Parkerson	76,100.00
Burdick Construction Company	69,725.00
Richard Kipp Construction	70,020.00
Schmidt-Tiago Construction	67,588.97
Jansen Boring, Inc.	83,588.50
Lyle States	79,000.00
Kelran Constructors, Inc.	77,995.00
Ritter Mining & Construction Co.	109,927.21
The Industrial Company of Steamboat Springs	72,830.00
Munro & Company Construction	70,384.00
Olson Plumbing & Heating	125,767.00
Grand Construction Company	74,940.00
Dye Construction Company	63,802.50
Jay Tuft & Company	72,157.75

Mr. Wise and Mr. Schuster discussed the easements and the delays which have been encountered.

Mr. Barnes made a motion that Mr. Schuster be authorized to offer Mr. Beaty a twenty foot drive across the drain ditch and that the District install three fire hydrants, when located with the approval of the Planning Commission and the Fire Department, with Mr. Beaty to furnish the hydrants. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlesworth and carried.

Mr. Wimberly moved that Ashing and Weiker be offered two 3/4" taps, one on each side of the canal. This motion was duly seconded and carried.

The Engineer was authorized to accept the low bid from Dye Construction Company of \$63,802.50, providing the bonding company and the specifications are all satisfactory. The engineer was also authorized to proceed with various instruments as called for in due process in contracts.

Mr. Dake from Mesa County Planning Department presented a map of the area and stated he is trying to compile data relative to future growth of this area. He ask that the Board make projections on futhre plans for the District. He was referred to the original plan as prepared by NHP&Q for the District.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as submitted.

Bills in the Monthly Report of Operations totaling \$58,558.64 and the following bills not listed were approved for payment:

Postmaster	13.00	Mesa County Community Center Board	93.15	Clifton Lumber	42.39
Public Service	544.33	Mountain States Pipe	3288.32	Williams Energy	162.97

Mr. Charlesworth made a motion , Mr. Slogar seconded, and the folloiwng Resolution to amend the budget (a copy of which is a permanent part of these minutes) was adopted.

A Mr. Buttolph owns some property on Orchard Mesa, thru which the District has an easement. The agreement states water taps will be available to the owner of the property. Mr. Buttolph wishes to build a subdivision on his property and wants the Clifton Water District to furnish water under the agreement. Mr. Wise was asked to write an answer to the effect that we will honor our easement contract, but the request is beyond that contract in our interpretation.

Mr. Strain noted he feels we must make a concerted effort to explore avenues to procure water.

ATTEST:

Wm. M. Ela
Lloyd H. Charlesworth
Wm. W. Barnes
Darrell Slogar

Jerry Wimberly
Secretary

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF

CLIFTON WATER DISTRICT
Adopted January 21, 1976

WHEREAS, a contingency has arisen due to the tremendous raise in the cost of utilities and the unexpected demand for new service and construction which demand was not and could not have been foreseen at the time of adoption of the 1975 budget, and due to greatly increased sales of taps and water resulting in greater revenues, which were not and could not have been foreseen at the time of adoption of the 1975 budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1975 budget for the Clifton Water District which was adopted at the meeting held October 15, 1974, and amended at the meeting of November 19, 1975, be amended in the following particulars:

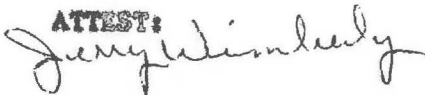
- (a) that the amount of estimated expenditures for construction be changed from \$85,000 to \$105,000;
- (b) that the amount of estimated expenditures for Heat, Lights and Power be changed from \$8,000 to \$13,000;
- (c) that the amount of estimated receipts from sale of water be changed from \$158,000 to \$178,000;
- (d) that the amount of estimated receipts from sale of taps be changed from \$55,000 to \$60,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is hereby appropriated from the current earnings of the District, a sufficient sum to pay such additional costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Division of Local Government in the Department of Local Affairs.

The foregoing is certified to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Clifton Water District held on January 21, 1976.

ATTEST:



Jerry Winberly
Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CLIFTON WATER DISTRICT

Held February 18, 1976
at Clifton, Colorado
at 7:30 P.M.

Members present were William Barnes, Lloyd Charlesworth, Darrell Slogar, Jerry Wimberly, and William Ela. Also present were Ray Schuster, Charles Strain and Laveta Kay.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as submitted in writing.


Accounts payable in the amount of \$17,148.69 were approved for payment on a motion by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Slogar.

Mr. Schuster reported that Dye Construction is already in the process of boring. Some of the easements are still in the procurement stage.




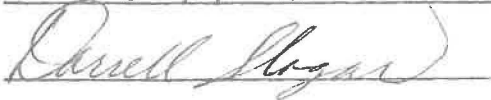
Mr. Ela reported that Mr. Buttolph plans to sue the Water District for the difference between the cost of water in his subdivision if he can tap Clifton lines or is forced to go to Ute. Mr. Ela recommended we have Hugh Wise research responsibility to furnish water and give his opinion. Mr. Strain was instructed to make sure the Planning Commission is informed of our stand.

Mr. George Smith has requested an Out of District tap for his property on Orchard Mesa. Since it is possible for Ute to serve him, the request was denied.

Mr. Slogar, Mr. Wimberly, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Charlesworth were appointed to work on a new salary schedule and to interview for new employees to replace Bob McAdoo and Kenneth Massicotte. The Board decided unanimously that neither McAdoo or Massicotte were entitled to severance pay.


Secretary

ATTEST:

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CLIFTON WATER DISTRICT

Held March 4, 1976
at Clifton, Colorado
at 7:30 P. M.

Members in attendance were William Ela, William Barnes, Lloyd Charlesworth, Darrell Slogar, and Jerry Wimberly.


The special meeting was called for the purpose of determining a settlement in the questionable area involving water service to William Buttolph.

Also in attendance were Charles Strain, Hugh Wise, William Buttolph, and Stacey Carpenter.

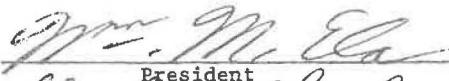
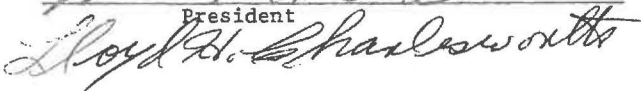
Mr. Strain was instructed to assemble cost figures for digging and laying of a line for Ute.

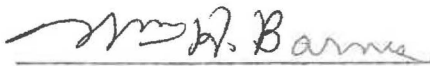
Mr. Wise was instructed to offer the digging and laying of the six inch line, with the District not responsible for any cost related to material or actual connection to Ute lines.

This line to be along Highway 146 and not to extend into the subdivision.


Secretary

ATTEST:


President






MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CLIFTON WATER DISTRICT

Held March 17, 1976
at Clifton Colorado
at 7:30 P. M.

Present were Lloyd Charlesworth, William Barnes, Darrell Slogar, Jerry Wimberly, and William Ela. Also Charles Strain, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Jeffries, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hoskins, Ada Christensen, Ray Schuster and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Fasbinder.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Charlesworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries requested a tap to be located on F 5/8 Road. They would build the line to their property south of the Price Ditch and allow other people to tie on to their system. The motion was made by Mr. Slogar, seconded by Mr. Wimberly that the request be tabled. The Superintendent was instructed to keep the Jeffries informed.

Mr. and Mrs. Fasbinder asked about purchasing an old office chair. The Board decided to invite sealed bids for the chair to be opened April 21, with the right to reject any bid.

At this point Mr. Ela entered the meeting and presided.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as submitted.

The President called for a motion of approval of bills presented. Mr. Slogar moved, Mr. Charlesworth seconded, that bills listed in the monthly report and the following which were not listed:

Clifton Thriftway	\$1967.57	McDermith & Schuster	\$2232.07
Community Center Board	77.91	Mesa County Clerk	8.00
Rottmann Darnell Agency	183.00		

Mr. Schuster presented pay estimate for Dye Construction. A letter from Grand Junction Pipe was read stating their desire that the Board be informed of the Dye obligation to them for materials.

Mr. Slogar made a motion, Mr. Wimberly seconded, that a check be drawn in the amount of \$29,260.44 to Dye Construction for partial payment, as recommended by the engineer, subject to a ruling by our attorney on the obligation of the bonding company's liability for outstanding material cost

Mrs. Kay was authorized to withdraw funds from passbook accounts in the amount of \$30,000 to cover payment.

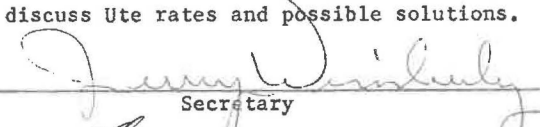
The Wage Committee report was made. After a discussion on the request of the Superintendent that Mrs. Weaver's wage be further reviewed. The motion was made by Mr. Charlesworth, seconded by Mr. Barnes, and the recommendations of the committee was accepted with the exception of that for Mrs. Weaver, which was increased. The schedule to be:



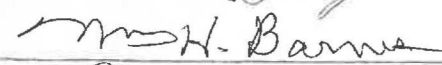

Mrs. Kay	760.00 per month	New man to start	600.00 per month
Mrs. Weaver	4.00 per hour	Board	10.00 per meeting
Mr. Strain	1000.00 per month		

The discussion resumed on the Jeffery's request resulting in the Superintendent to notify the people that if they secure an easement in the name of the Water District, the District will install line to the Price Ditch, however, all properties must pay for individual taps.

A special meeting was set for March 31 to discuss Ute rates and possible solutions.

ATTEST:


Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CLIFTON WATER DISTRICT

Held March 31, 1976
at Clifton, Colorado
at 7:30 P. M.

The meeting was attended by William Ela, William Barnes, Lloyd Charlesworth, Darrell Slogar, Ray Schuster and Charles Strain.

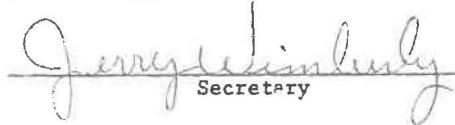
The meeting was called to review the proposed rate increases by Ute Water District.

The Superintendent submitted a summary of the projected costs to the District if water was to be purchased under Ute's bulk rates and intermitting use rates.

Mr. Schuster stated that he would be available and would be willing to make a study of alternative water sources and their costs.

The Superintendent was instructed to contact the proper people at the City of Grand Junction for a meeting to see if they are receptive to continual growth in the use of Grand Junction City water.

Board member, William Barnes, expressed his desire to leave the Board at the next election. Mr. Ela then withdrew his petition for nomination.


Secretary

ATTEND:







MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CLIFTON WATER DISTRICT

Held April 21, 1976
7:30 P. M.
at Clifton, Colorado

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Lloyd Charlesworth. Other members present were Jerry Wimberly, William Barnes, and Darrell Slogar. President William Ela was a little late in arriving. Also present were Ray Schuster, Charles Strain, Paul Barru and Laveta Kay.

Minutes of the meeting of March 17 were approved as submitted.

On a motion by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Slogar, the bills were ordered paid, to include bills listed on the Monthly Report as well as \$1284.61 to Thompson Pipe and \$1124.32 to Castings, Inc. The chair was awarded to Doug Fassbinder on his bid of \$20.00. A motion was made by Mr. Slogar, duly seconded and carried that judges of the May 4 election be Shirley Weaver, Bulah Hawkins and Lela Dowd, and that the pay be \$25. The Water District, the Sewer District and the Fire District each pay one judge.

At this point Mr. Ela took the chair and read a copy of a letter written to Dye Construction by Mr. Schuster to the effect our payment would be made in three separate checks. These to be as follows: \$23,339.45 made out to Dye Construction; \$6,066.01 made out jointly to Dye Construction and Grand Junction Pipe; and one check made out to Dye Construction and Warning Lites of Grand Junction in the amount of \$488.44.

Mr. Schuster had checks made out by Dye Construction to each of these firms and to several other suppliers totaling \$13,586.21. His instructions from Dye were that when Clifton Water puts in the mail the check to Dye Construction, he, Mr. Schuster, is to mail the checks to the various firms.

Mr. Slogar moved that the District send Dye a check for the difference between the \$29,893.90 of the Engineers Partial Payment Estimate, and \$13,586.21, and advise Dye that as soon as we receive conformation from the payees on his checks that the checks have cleared, we will send him our check for \$13,586.21. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlesworth and passed.




The Board approved the withdrawal of \$2,000 from each Mutual Savings and Modern Savings passbook accounts, and the transfer of \$16,707.17 from the Bond and Interest to the General Account at Palisades National Bank to cover current expenses. The Board also authorized a share loan from First National Bank North, to be secured by the \$15,000 savings certificate which will not mature until July 22, 1976, if additional money is needed to meet the payment of \$13,586.21 to Dye.

Mr. Barru of Barru Homes, gave a presentation in favor of the District providing information to Federal Housing Authority for the purpose of making homes within the District qualify for FHA loans. Mr. Strain was instructed to compile the necessary data, with the understanding, any changes or additions to the District will require further action by the Board.

Mr. Ela reported he had met informally with Harvey Rose of the City of Grand Junction, and Mr. Rose is to set up a meeting with the appropriate people to study our future water supply.

Mr. Strain presented a set of regulations he recommended be applied to installations in new subdivisions. Included were requirements that all fees be paid in advance; subdivider furnish a Project Coordinator and post bond to cover unrecoverable damages during total construction; additional line sizes be charged to developer; all streets be rough cut to full extent of right of way; developer be responsible for locating and marking meter pit sites and elevations and that changes be charged for at cost plus 15%. The Board approved implementation of the regulations.


Secretary

ATTEST




SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
CLIFTON WATER DISTRICT

Held May 5, 1976
at Clifton, Colorado
at 7:30 P. M.

Present for the special meeting were William Ela, Lloyd Charlesworth, William Barnes,
and Darrell Slogar. Also present was Charles Strain.


The purpose of the special meeting was to canvass the votes cast in the election
of May 4, 1976, and to certify the election results.

Mr. Charlesworth moved, Mr. Barnes seconded and the Report of the Election Judges
was accepted, as follows:

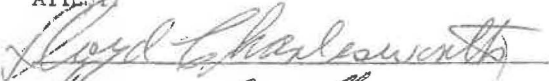


Candidate for Director	Number of Votes
Darrell Slogar	102
Alfred Lopez	99
Oric Stout	2
Chuck Strain	1
Edna Charlesworth	1
Martin Linkie	1

The President declared Darrell Slogar and Alfred Lopez duly elected.

The President administered the Oath of Office to Darrell Slogar.


Secretary

ATTEST

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CLIFTON WATER DISTRICT

Held May 19, 1976
at Clifton, Colorado
7:30 P.M.

Present were Jerry Wimberly, Lloyd Charlesworth, Darrell Slogar, ^{alfred}William Lopez. Also present were Ray Schuster, Charles Strain and Laveta Kay.

President, Ela, administered the oath of office to Alfred Lopez, and welcomed him to the Board.

The floor was declared open for nominations for president of the board. Mr. Slogar nominated Mr. Ela, Mr. Wimberly seconded and moved nominations be closed and the ballot be cast. Mr. Ela was elected to be president of the Board for another term.

Mr. Wimberly nominated Mr. Charlesworth for another term as vice president of the Board. Mr. Slogar seconded and moved nominations be closed and the ballot be cast. Mr. Charlesworth was elected.

Mr. Wimberly was elected to serve another term as secretary of the Board, Mr. Slogar was elected treasurer, and the President declared the chairs filled.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Accounts payable in the amount of \$21,187.10 were approved for payment on motion by Mr. Slogar, seconded by Mr. Wimberly.

Mr. Schuster presented a bill from D&RG in the amount of \$281.89 for an inspector for the railroad crossing we recently completed. Mr. Schuster was asked to write a letter stating we have already paid more than our original contract to see if this can be resolved without causing hard feelings.

Mr. Charlesworth made a motion we pay the 10% retained portion of the contract to Dye Construction, with the exception of \$507.74 to be withheld for some broken pipe and cleanup work. The amount withheld includes \$34.74 to be withheld until an invoice in that amount for gasoline purchased by Dye from United Fruit Growers is cleared up. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Mr. Ela reported on an informal meeting between Mr. Wysocki, Jensen and Patterson for the City of Grand Junction and himself, Mr. Schuster and Strain for the District.

Mr. Schuster left the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Charlesworth moved, Mr. Slogar seconded and motion to charge Bill Bailey for an out-of-District tap was set at \$600.00, on the condition Ute is agreeable to our serving the property.

After lengthy discussion on supplying water to new subdivisions, the President instructed the Superintendent to have our attorney present legal opinion on whether we can deny service to subdivisions within our District, or could charge higher rates in areas creating a higher cost factor. Also the attorney was to be asked to explore the means of clearing title to existing easements with tap commitments.

Mr. Schuster was commissioned to work with the Superintendent on a survey toward immediate relief in low pressure areas.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Jerry Wimberly
Secretary

ATTEST: Lloyd Charlesworth
Darrell Slogar
Alfred Lopez

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CLIFTON WATER DISTRICT

Held June 14, 1976
at Clifton, Colorado
7:30 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by President, William Ela. Other members present were Darrell Slogar and Alfred Lopez. Also present were Charles Strain and Laveta Kay.

Minutes of the meeting of May 19 were approved as corrected.

Mr. Slogar made a motion, Mr. Lopez seconded, and accounts payable as listed in the Monthly Report of Operations totaling \$28,870.70 were approved for payment.

The President read a letter from D&RG Railroad explaining the bill of \$291.89 which was included in the accounts payable.

The Superintendent reported on a break in our 3" main at Helena and F $\frac{1}{2}$ on June 12, and a break in the new 10" line at 32 and Railroad on June 11th.

The Board decided to invest \$30,000 in a passbook account at Mesa Federal Savings and Loan Association, and to not renew the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ year time certificates which come due in July until we are certain we will have enough money to pay the final bond payment in October.

On motion by Mr. Slogar, Seconded by Mr. Lopez, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, William Barnes has been a member of the Board of Directors of Clifton Water District from April 10, 1963, until he choose not to run for re-election on May 4, 1976, and

WHEREAS, during that time, he has seen the District triple in growth and in service, while maintaining a stable financial position enabling retirement of the bonds of the District, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Clifton Water District is desirous, both on its own behalf and on behalf of all residents of the District, to express to William Barnes its thanks for his long and faithful service,

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, that the Board extend its sincere and heartfelt thanks to Mr. Barnes for his faithful, consciencious, and efficient service as a member of such Board, and its best wishes for his future happiness.

The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Secretary

ATTEST:

W. M. Ela
Darrell Slogar
Alfred Lopez

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CLIFTON WATER DISTRICT

July 21, 1976
Clifton, Colorado
7:30 P. M.

Present for the meeting were William Ela, Lloyd Charlesworth, Darrell Slogar and Jerry Wimberly. Also present were Charles Strain, Hugh Wise, Joe Coleman, Laveta Kay and Ray Schuster.

Mr. Wise and Mr. Coleman lead discussion on the opinion (which is made a permanent part of these minutes) in answer to a letter from the District on the following:

1. Allowing or denying new subdivisions
2. Charging special user rates in areas developed after our maximum daily demand has been reached and the water purchased will be at a much higher rate to the District.
3. Requiring developers to stand total cost of the distribution system, plus tap fees, within the subdivision, with a charge for enlargement of transportation mains outside of the subdivision.
4. Proper steps to clear easements which have unspecified tap allotments, such as those of Burkhalter and Tilton properties north of Interstate 70.

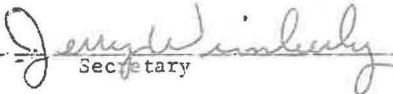
Mr. Schuster reported on an informal meeting with Bill Scales regarding water from Kannab Creek Pitch. He was authorized to make tests on the water and to set up meetings with Mr. Scales.

Minutes of the June 16 meeting were approved as printed.


Bills listed in the report totaling \$22,827.04, plus a check in the amount of \$6,152.13 to Ute Water District were approved for payment.

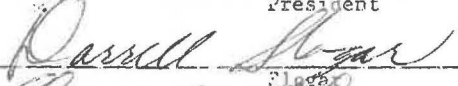
The Superintendent reported on maintenance and construction in the District. He noted the trench for Tuttolph on Orchard Mesa has been completed with a total of 6330 feet. Other in-district trenches have totaled 5510 feet between June 1 and July 17th.


At the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board decided to close the office on Saturdays hereafter. The motion was made by Mr. Wimberly and seconded by Mr. Slogar.

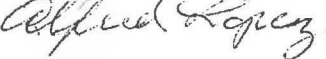

Secretary

ATTEST:


President


Slogar


Charlesworth



MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CLIFTON WATER DISTRICT

August 18, 1966
Clifton, Colorado
7:30 P. M.

Members present were: Alfred Lopez, William Ela, Darrell Slogar, Jerry Wimberly and Lloyd Charlesworth. Also present were Charles Strain and Laveta Kay.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as submitted.

Bills listed in the monthly report in the amount of \$26,372.47, and a bill to Ute Water for \$5,427.44 were approved for payment on a motion by Mr. Wimberly, seconded by Mr. Lopez.

There was informal discussion, but no formal action on the direction the Board wishes to take on the mill levy for 1967.

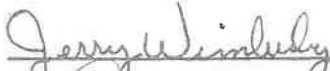
There was also informal discussion on the possibility of obtaining water from Kannah Creek.

Mr. Curtis wants to build a mobil home park at D & 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ Roads. The Mesa County Planning Commission requires an 8" water line. Mr. Curtis wishes to go to Ute for the water because they have a large line on 30 Road, where Clifton Water District's nearest adequate line would be at 32 Road.

Mr. Lopez made a motion that the Board authorize the purchase of a posting machine for the office. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlesworth and passed.


Secretary

ATTEST:











MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CLIFTON WATER DISTRICT

September 15, 1976
Clifton, Colorado
7:30 P. M.

Members present were: Alfred Lopez, William Els, Darrell Slogar, and Lloyd Charlesworth.
Also present was Laveta Kay.

Minutes of the meeting of August 18 were approved as written.

Bills listed in the monthly report in the amount of \$22,646.52, and a check for \$20 made payable to Postmaster for a mailing permit were approved on motion by Mr. Slogar, seconded by Mr. Lopez.

The President read a letter from Raymond Schuster, addressed to Frank E. Gray, Chairman of the Awards Committee for AWWA. The 1976 Colorado Operators Award is being presented to our own Superintendent at the annual meeting in Vail. The Board would like it noted they feel the honor quite justified and they are pleased to confirm the judgment of the Awards Committee. The letter, a resume of the achievements of Charles Strain, contained a copy of the presentation speech and is made a permanent part of these minutes.

A letter from Mesa County Assessor certifies the assessed valuation for budget purposes for 1977 to be \$7,991,580. It is the consensus of the Board that the budget reflect an increase of revenue of maximum allowed by statute.

The proposed budget for 1977 would drop the mill levy to 2.91 mills. The regular meeting of the Board of October 20, 1976, was set for final adoption.

To retire the bonded indebtedness of \$627,250.00 due October 1, the Board directed Mrs. Kay to transfer \$15,000 from the passbook savings at First National Bank, \$10,000 from a certificate at Valley Federal Savings, and the balance needed from the passbook savings at Mesa Federal Savings.

ATTEST:

William M. Els
President

Alfred Lopez
Alfred Lopez

Darrell Slogar
Darrell Slogar

Lloyd Charlesworth
Lloyd Charlesworth



McDERMITH AND SCHUSTER

"CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS"

P. O. Box 58 • Cedaredge, Colorado 81413 • (303) 856-3127

September 2, 1976

Frank E. Gray, Chairman Awards Committee
Public Service Company of New Mexico
Box 1268
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Reference: Colorado Operators Award for Distribution

Dear Frank:

The following is a resume outlining the achievements of Charles A. Strain in the water distribution field of the Clifton Water District. Chuck Strain will be attending the banquet at Vail and to the best of my knowledge has no idea that he is about to receive this award. I would appreciate it if the award could be presented using the following language.

The 1976 Colorado Operators Award for a distribution system employee for outstanding service in the water utility field is going to be made to a man who is an ex-fire chief of a volunteer fire department, is active in his local Lions Club and has held offices and committee chairmanships ranging all the way up to president. This man is extremely active in community projects and has held offices in the Association for the Mentally Retarded and is currently serving on the Board of the Mesa County Community Center for Mentally Retarded and Seriously Handicapped. His grade school and high school education was obtained from attending Clifton and Grand Junction Schools and he attended Mesa College. He has been employed by the Clifton Water District since July 1, 1969, and is presently serving as superintendent of that water utility. When he became superintendent of the Clifton Water District there were approximately 1,200 water taps on the system. There are now in excess of 2,000 water taps and in the same period of time the water consumption has increased 200 percent. This increase in consumption has been realized in the distribution pipes that were constructed with the original system. Like most older systems the distribution lines are undersized and require a lot of maintenance. This man has been able to deliver water through this undersized distribution system keeping all of his water consumers happy and in some areas has even increased the effectiveness of the system by the efficiency with which he operates the system. Since becoming water superintendent he has continually strived to upgrade the system through a yearly capital improvements program which has not only been successful but has been paid for without going into debt. The Clifton Water District comprises most of the urban area between the cities of Grand Junction and Palisade, Colorado. It has been through his continuing effort to develop smarter work habits that he has been able to deliver domestic water required without necessarily working harder. His innovative ideas in water distribution has paid off handsomely in less maintenance and operation costs. This man's name is Charles A. Strain.

Very truly yours,

Raymond J. Schuster
RJS/njh

cc: Carl Houck
Noel Hobbs

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CLIFTON WATER DISTRICT

October 6, 1976
Clifton, Colorado
7:30 P. M.

President, Ela, Called a special meeting of the Board at the home of Charles Strain at 9:15 p.m., to inform the members of the break in the 10" flow line under the Colorado River at 32½ Road.

Ray Schuster and Mr. Strain reviewed the situation and outlined alternatives for repair.

The Superintendent was authorized to proceed with the necessary repairs and Mr. Schuster to devote as much time as needed on an hourly basis.

If the costs seem to run higher than anticipated, the Superintendent was instructed to call the Board together again.

Present for the meeting were: William Ela, Alfred Lopez, Darrell Slogar, and Lloyd Charlesworth. Also present were Charles Strain and Ray Schuster.

ATTEST:

Lloyd H. Charlesworth

Alfred Lopez

Darrell Slogar

William M. Ela

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CLIFTON WATER DISTRICT

October 20, 1976
Clifton, Colorado
7:35 P.M.

Present for the meeting were: Jerry Wimberly, Lloyd Charlesworth, and Alfred Lopez. Also present was Charles Strain.

Meeting was called by Vice President, Charlesworth, in the absence of President Ela.

Minutes of the regular meeting of September 15th and of the special meeting of October 6, were approved as submitted.

A motion to pay bills listed on the operating statement totaling \$12,895.39, as well as the following bills not listed was made by Mr. Wimberly, seconded by Mr. Lopez and carried:

National Farmers Union	147.00
Asphalt Construction	40.00
Dana Kepner	2,498.00
Hach Chemical Co.	599.58
Norman Keith	79.57
Mini Yacht Sales	100.00
Graham & Dufford	58.00

The proposed budget for the Clifton Water District for 1977 was presented. Upon motion by Mr. Wimberly, seconded by Mr. Lopez, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Clifton Water District for the calendar year 1977 be as follows:

ESTIMATED EXPENSES:

Water Purchases	58,000.00
Salaries	46,200.00
Mileage	1,200.00
Construction	11,620.00
Office Expenses	41,380.00
Operating Expenses	41,380.00
Maintenance Equipment	3,000.00
Office Equipment	4,500.00
Land & Buildings	500.00
Automotive	4,000.00
Contingency	9,650.00

415,050.00

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:

Sale of Water	210,528.00
Sale of Taps	67,500.00
General Taxes	25,872.00
Specific Ownership Taxes	4,650.00
Sanitation District	3,600.00
Interest	2,400.00
Miscellaneous	500.00

315,050.00

From Present Reserves

100,000.00

415,050.00

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is appropriated from the funds of the District \$415,050 for the general expenses of the District, and that this appropriation be a continuing appropriation, whether said funds be expended during 1977, or thereafter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Lloyd H. Charlesworth
Alfred Lopez
Wm. M. Ela

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF

CLIFTON WATER DISTRICT

November 17, 1976
Clifton, Colorado
7:30 P. M.

Members present when the meeting opened were: Lloyd Charlesworth, Darrell Slogar, Alfred Lopez, and William Ela. Also, Charles Strain and Laveta Kay.

Minutes of the two meetings held in October were approved as submitted.

Mr. Slogar made a motion, Mr. Charlesworth seconded and bills listed in the monthly report of operations were approved for payment.

There was some discussion on what to charge Ute Water District for water we served them when they had a break. The Superintendent was instructed to make a minimum charge ^{of \$500} unless Ute would agree to establish a reciprocal agreement policy for emergency use situations.

The Board accepted the recommendation of the Superintendent that Shirley Weaver and Jon Evans, who have been working for the District on an hourly basis, be put on salary. Mrs. Weaver at \$555 per month for 32 hour week, and Mr. Evans at \$600 for a 40 hour week.

Mr. Ela reported he had determined the County does have a 60 foot right of way between our water tank and 30 Road on the section line. He also reported that in order to get a person elected as a director on the board of Ute Water Conservancy District, it is necessary to have a petition filed 90 days prior to April 23, 1978.

Mr. Strain offered to talk with Mrs. Stewart regarding gravel on the roadway which leads to the Lenke property, to see if there is some way of keeping both customers satisfied.

At this point, Nicky Deeble of Gerwin and Company Investment Bankers, entered the meeting and made her presentation. Her company is interested in the purchase of bonds, if and when, the District decides to go to bonds for improvements or additions.

Mr. Schuster then entered the meeting. He discussed alternatives for the future of the District. Discussion centered on the suggestions the District could get out of the water distribution business entirely by turning the District over to Ute, or we could find another source of raw water. Mr. Charlesworth made a motion, Mr. Lopez seconded, that we commission Mr. Schuster to pursue the availability of additional water sources on an hourly basis, with the stipulation that he keep the Board informed on his progress.

Mr. Schuster reported there is some funding available from the Colorado Water Conservation Board, however, there are strings attached. Mrs. Deeble concurred.

Mr. Schuster and Mrs. Deeble left the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Mr. Lopez made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slogar, and carried, that the District send Jon Evans to the Rocky Mountain Water and Wastewater plant operators school at Boulder Januray 10 thru 14. The District to pay registration, board, room and mileage.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m. to reconvene in the back room to examine the broken pipe from the break in the river.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Alfred Lopez
Lloyd A. Charlesworth
Darrell Slogar
William M. Ela

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CLIFTON WATER DISTRICT

December 15, 1976
Clifton, Colorado
7:30 P. M.

Present were: Lloyd Charlesworth, Alfred Lopez, Darrell Slogar, Jerry Wimberly, and William Ela. Also present were Ray Schuster and Charles Strain.

Vice President, Charlesworth, opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Slogar, seconded by Mr. Lopez, that the bills be approved as presented. Carried. Motion by Mr. Slogar, seconded by Mr. Lopez, and the minutes were accepted as presented.

Mr. Lopez, and Mr. Strain reported on their meeting with the staff of the Mesa County Community Center Board for Mentally Retarded and Seriously Handicapped Inc. The meeting was called as a result of Mr. Strain's dissatisfaction with the quality of supervision of the custodial crews. Mr. Strain reported that they would continue for one month, at which time the program will be reevaluated by both parties.

Mr. Ela entered the meeting and assumed the Chairmanship of the Board.

Mr. Schuster made a progress report on his study of a new water supply. He reported that he and Mr. Strain had held an informal meeting with Mr. Jim Patterson and Mr. Dwaine Jensen, of the City of Grand Junction, at which Mr. Patterson recommended that he contact Mr. Jex for clarification of Grand Junction's river decrees, point of diversion and quality. Mr. Wimberly made the motion that Mr. Schuster and Mr. Strain meet with Mr. Jex on this matter, the motion was seconded by Mr. Charlesworth, and carried.

Mr. Schuster left the meeting.

Mr. Ela read a letter from Mr. Wise regarding his opinion on the filling of a vacancy on the Board, also on his surveillance of the litigation against the Ute Water District.

Mr. Ela noted that the letter states that he had informed Mr. Wise that the District had recently raised the rates, which is not a fact, and he did not intend to so imply.

Mr. Ela requested the letter be made a part of the minutes.

Mr. Ela reported that the condemnation proceedings on the Zervas property had been finalized.

Mr. Wimberly made a motion that the employees and the Board members be given Christmas turkeys to be picked up at the Clifton Thriftway store, seconded by Mr. Charlesworth and carried.

Mr. Strain reported on his study of the rate structure and his investigation of a different mobil radio system.

Mr. Ela and Mr. Charlesworth are to meet with Mr. Strain after the first of the year to work on the proposed rate structure.

Mr. Wimberly and Mr. Slogar are to work as a committee on the communications system.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lloyd Charlesworth
Alfred Lopez
Darrell Slogar
William Ela

Secretary