

**MINUTES OF THE  
FFIRST MEETING OF THE WATER COMMITTEE OF THE  
MT. CRESTED BUTTE WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT  
JUNE 24, 2020**

Meeting of the Water Committee of Mt. Crested Butte Water and Sanitation District was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, **June 24, 2020**, via GoToMeeting at <https://www.gotomeet.me/MCBWaterSanitationDistrict>. Committee Members in attendance were as follows:

Brian Brown, MCBWSD Chair, MLP resident  
Robin Smith, MLPC Board Member, MLP resident  
Mike Fabbre, District Manager, MCB resident  
Perry Solheim, Finance/Admin Manager, non-District resident

Nicolas Kempin, MCBWSD Vice Chair, MCB resident  
Scott Hamilton, MLPC Board Member, MLP resident

## **COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by BB at 10:04 a.m.

### **2. Committee Member Introductions**

### **3. Meeting Procedures & Structures**

- Meeting days and times discussed.
- Alternating Wednesdays at 10 a.m. will be regularly schedule meetings.
- Next meeting Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 10 a.m.
- PS will be responsible for minutes, moderation and scheduling

### **4. Identify/Discuss Current Issues**

- BB-Is surcharge appropriate, will it time out?
- PS-Stressed that District staff is neutral, objective and desires resolution to issues.
- BB-MOA is confusing, makes homeowners uncomfortable, doesn't consider operating costs. MLP is not a sub district. If the MOA were adopted today, it would violate current laws.
- RS-Not historically involved. As an MLP resident, was unaware any issue existed. Sees past communications as very lacking. Wants the District, as a whole, to succeed.
- BB-Joined Board at same time MF became District Manager, surcharge discussions commenced. Discovered many projects MLP specific and many shared. Discovered former approach applied ALL MLP revenues to imbalance/debt, ignoring any operating costs.
- MF-Reiterated that none of the committee created the issue but feels it is a good group to resolve objectively.
- SH-Assumed Ops expenses covered in water rates.
- Discussion of Capital Debt, including the Fixed Asset List from Raftelis memo detailing MLPC only, shared, and non-MLPC related capital assets.
- Discussion of the origin of the MOA's.
  - MF-Pointed out State influence to keep Districts consolidated to avoid inefficient duplication of efforts
  - BB-Different stories, some regard MLPC protecting assets and rights, others non MLPC part of District protecting assets and rights.
- Discussion of asset ownership-The District has legal ownership of all assets and water rights, but their water rights internally earmarked for MLPC full build out.
- RH-Is MLPC going to be hit with a large assessment? Is the issue about collecting past debt or about moving forward?
- BB-Shares apprehension about debt assessment, but no plans currently exist. This committee will resolve how we proceed and then address the past imbalance based on that solution.

### **5. Identify/Discuss Traits of Success**

- All committee agrees desire of a transparent, verifiable, fair and decisive solution.
- RS-MLPC wants to see District continue to function efficiently, transparently, sustainably.
- BB outlined 4 possible options for moving forward that he asked the committee to consider for the next meeting:

1. Leave MOA and Amendment as-is
2. Additional amendment

3. MLPC as a sub-district
4. Abolish MOAs

- In a subsequent email to all of the committee, BB reiterated that this is not an exhaustive list of possible options, but rather a starting point. He also clarified that the approach to handling future relations will help inform the solution to calculating and resolving the imbalance.

**6. Target Time-frame**

- Ideal would be to resolve before 2021 budgeting process begins in September and October.
- Allowing more time to elapse exacerbates the issues and keeps the District from properly setting fees.

**7. Next Meeting**

- Set for 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 8, 2020 via <https://www.gotomeet.me/MCBWaterSanitationDistrict>.
- BB will circulate an email with the above options for committee members to consider.

**8. Adjourn**

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.



---

Perry Solheim, Committee Secretary