Call to Order
Ruth called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM

Board Business and Action Items
- Introductions
- Approval of June Board Minutes. Tim motions, Ruth seconds. June minutes are approved.

SimpleSUB Water
Haley reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on their wireless clip-on internet connected submeter technology. The meters are installed on the main to each unit. This can be used on HOA, apartments, mobile home parks, etc. There is a website
interface showing water level usage and can generate a cost report for each unit. The program also allows leak detection in the system as well as high usage and connectivity issues.

They are working on a couple use cases including two projects with Colorado Spring Utilities and one project with Denver Water. The project at CSU is a 15-unit retail complex with a lot of leaks, complicated plumbing and fluctuating water bills. They are now submetering the different units.

They are working on expanding billing features, tenant-facing portals and compatibility for large format meters. They would love to learn more about rebate programs, pilot programs, resellers and installers. Ruth asked if they can do an irrigation line. They can if it’s one inch or smaller. Lyndsey noted they are testing some of their products on different meters. Abbye asked what the time frequency to the portal. Right now, the meter communicates on a daily basis. On the backend, they can get more granular to the hour format, and they are looking into that on the front end. They are also piloting high usage alert to look for real-time instances. Abbye asked who owns the meter? Typically, the property owner purchases the meter. They are also working on a lending library with Colorado Springs Utilities to loan meters for short-term studies. Abbye asked can utility staff do the install. They consider it a DIY install that anyone can do. Abbye asked about the materials of the pipes. They are working on expanding the pipe material that is compatible. They can currently work with PEX, PVC, CPVC, Copper M and L, ¾ inch and ½ inch. The only pipe they cannot work on is galvanized which is prone to corrosion leading to inaccurate readings over time. A 3 inch pipe reader will be available this fall. Individual price is $329, with a volume discount (5 or more) of 10-25% depending on size of order.

They are also testing the meters at Northern Water’s Conservation Gardens. Elizabeth Bowman/Resource Central are interested in a possible pilot program. Tim asked what is the cost is for the software platform for management. Haley answered: there is a service fee, meters arrive to connect to the best available internet. Bundle contract with best service connection which is handled and bundled by SimpleSub. $5 per month per meter, most of the time this is passed onto the tenants as part of the water bill. The $5 monthly rate also includes replacing the unit when the battery dies at about 10 years. There is also a forever warranty on the unit. Reach of devices is 5x the reach of a cell phone to get through concrete or in rural areas. Tim asked what is the allowed data variance (in test cases) between the sum of all the meters and the master meter. Haley answered, accuracy is as high as can be with ultrasonic sensors, varies with diameter of pipe and material, range of 5% error rate/tolerance, with a likely rate being less than 2%. Sidenote recommended install on the longest stretch of straight pipe available, while noting the unit is still compatible with bends.

**BP Guidebook progress update**

Dieltza provided an update on the BP guidebook. July 26 is the next virtual stakeholder workshop specific to outdoor water use. There are over 100 people signed up for the event. There will be guest speakers at this workshop. If you have not signed up and would like to, please sign up.

**Committee Update – Annual Event**

- Melissa updated on CWW symposium
  - Official date set 10/24/23 (announced last board meeting.)
  - Save the Date on the website.
  - Registration is not open yet.
    - planned opening early to mid August.
  - No update on Speakers.
  - Sponsorship
    - As of date 7/13/23 $14, 000 raised.
    - $22,000 goal.
    - Still need 8,000 in sponsorships.
    - Still need to reach out to more contacts.
      - Lyndsay said she hadn’t heard about her sponsorship.

- Tim answered:
  - There are 100 sponsors and 100 attendees.
  - CSU sponsorship is $14,000.
  - More than 100 attendees.
  - Save the Date on the website.
LLYLI HOA materials

- Laura Wing discussed the new materials created for LLYLI.
  - Landscaping tips for homeowners, landscapers, HOAs
  - HOA infographic, postcard (“Fake is Out, Natural is In”, “Save Water and Money”, “Colorado Watering Tips.”)
    - Asked for interest in using the materials from the board members and their organizations.
    - Action: possibly add how to actually water plants instructions.
    - Will translate to Spanish.
    - Laura noted there are Visual Accessibility Standards for websites that many utilities may be required to adhere to. This might cause us to updating the materials used by government entities to fit those guidelines for color/size/font.

Media requests

Ruth discuss a process of handling press requests. The most recent request came in over the weekend which makes it challenging to respond. The board will discuss at the August meeting. There will also be additional information added to the handbook.

Round Table

- Ruth and Lyndsay completed a native plant master training.
- Tim York noted Aurora Water lifted stage 1 drought restrictions on June 29th. Community response went well/57% less usage. Hard to say without more data. Increased water yield and storage.
- Abbye Neel noted the next Growing Water Smart Metric Assistance through Sonoran Institute is open for applications. Technical assistance to support analysis to understand land and water together. City of Evans, Fort Collins both used assistance in past rounds.
- Courtney Black will be participating in the upcoming AWAR Conference. Summer Specialty Conference on Connecting Land and Water for Healthy Communities. Courtney is presenting on Dominion job plans.
- Lindsay Rogers participated in a CML Conference Panel (6/26/23) with Ruth, Tim, Laura, Lindsay participated in a panel on lawn transformation, landscape, summer water restrictions, turf replacement, landscape code, governing policy. CWW should consider participating in the next CML conference and possibly having a booth.
- Jessica Thrasher noted Colorado Water Center has a program called - Water Literate Leaders (Northern Water focus.) Program is open and accepting candidates.

Wrap Up and Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.
Submitted by: Sheridan Thomason