



BIG MESA SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER



Spring has “officially” arrived (although it may not feel like it!), which means it’s time to prepare for your MDWCA’s annual elections! Three Board seats will be open this year. Any MDWCA Member can submit their written desire to be placed on the Board of Directors Annual Election ballot by contacting Beate Merkert (Business Manager) by April 30th. You will then be requested to fill out a questionnaire on why you want to be on the board as well as a brief explanation of your experience, all of which will be included on the Election Slate to be posted by June 1, 2025. Ballots with all candidates listed will be mailed to members June 19, 2025. The ballots will be tabulate and announce the results at the Annual meeting July 19, 2025, at 10:00am.

Our first pre-construction meeting for the new water treatment plant took place on February 14, 2025. The project is expected to take approximately 13-16 months to complete. We will continue to keep you updated on the progress as the work unfolds.

The Big Mesa working barge, used for maintaining water pumps and adjusting or replacing cables on the pump platform and anchors, has clearly seen better days, as shown in the attached photos. The absence of cross-structure braces has caused one side to break, requiring the barge to be pulled out of the water for repairs. Additionally, the exposed styrofoam used for flotation has deteriorated beyond repair and is now out of compliance.



Given the costs associated with repairing the current barge—such as replacing the styrofoam, decking, and reinforcing the structure—we’ve decided to purchase a used pontoon boat with a trailer to serve as our new working barge. This option will not only be more cost-effective in the long run but also offers the added benefit of being easily removed from the lake when not in use, unlike the previous barge. The total estimated cost for the pontoon boat and trailer, necessary modifications to add an A-frame structure, and other required upgrades is approximately \$9,000.

The Annual Financial Report will be presented by Big Mesa’s independent auditor, DeAun Willoughby, at our April 12th meeting, instead of the usual annual meeting in July.

Again, any Member who would like to submit their interest to run for Big Mesa Water Board seat, please formally submit your desire to Beate Merkert, before the April 30th deadline. Three Board seats are up for election. We hope you can attend the next monthly open meeting of your Association at 9am on Saturday March 8th. Until then, enjoy spring with summer coming soon!

Sincerely,

Your Big Mesa Board and Staff