

LOWER SOUTH PLATTE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
LOWER SOUTH PLATTE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

October 12, 2021

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Allen Coyne	Jack McClary	Don Schneider Zoom
Dan Kendrick Zoom	Joe Patterson	
Brian Kembel	Carson Smart	
Gene Manuello	Brad Stromberger	

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

Ken Fritzler	Bryan Ruf
Terry Linker	
Bob Mari	

**DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:**

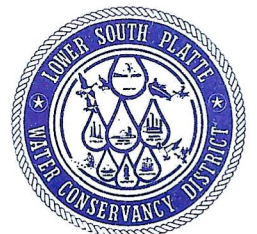
Joe Frank, General Manager  
Rick Fleharty, Technician  
Craig Brownell, Technician  
Deanna Eskew, Secretary

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

Jeff Rice, Sterling Journal Advocate

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Gene Manuello

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## **PRESENTATION OF THE 2020 AUDIT:**

David Kauffman of Liittjohann, Kauffman and Pederson presented the 2020 audit report to the board. Director Coyne made the motion to approve the audit as presented. Director Kembel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

Director Kembel made the motion to approve the September 14, 2021 Executive Committee Minutes as presented. Director Patterson seconded. Motion passed. Director Coyne abstained as he was unable to attend last month's meeting.

## **PRESENTATION OF THE 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET:**

After presentation of the 2022 Proposed Budget by Manager Frank and board review, Director Coyne made the motion to accept the amended Proposed Budget for publication and set the date for the public hearing to November 9, 2021. Director McClary seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Treasurer Coyne reviewed the financial report for the month of September. Treasurer Coyne then made the motion to approve payment of District checks 16077 – 16115 and Julesburg Recharge checks 1144 – 1146. Director Kembel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **RIVER MONITORING:**

*Division I Water Court Resume:*

No statements of opposition will be filed from the August 2021 Water Court Resume.

*Julesburg Recharge Project:*

Counsel Donovan is finalizing work on the Special "D" Contract with Doyle Beavers.

The only outstanding bill that has yet to be paid is the Leon Woodhams bill. Director Coyne made the motion to authorize Counsel Donovan to file a motion with the court to drop the well from the District's augmentation plan per policy. Director Stromberger seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

*Heyborne Recharge Project:*

Rick Fleharty reported that the site is operational for the upcoming recharge season.

**LEGAL REPORT:**

None

**VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

None

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Included in Manager Frank's report were the following:

*Legislative Matters:*

- The Interim Water Resources Review Committee is proposing seven (7) bills
  1. Groundwater Compact Compliance and Sustainability
  2. Investment Water Speculation Prohibition
  3. Time Period to Object to Groundwater Management Notices
  4. Water Efficiency Savings
  5. Expand Water Resources Review Committee to Include Agriculture
  6. Procedure for Water Rights that Concern Headwaters
  7. Agriculture Water Rights Deed Affidavit No Investment Speculation

*General Matters:*

- The next meeting of the South Platte Water Related Activities Program (SPWRAP) will be held October 21<sup>st</sup> and their Annual meeting is scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The South Platte Basin Round Table meeting will be held later today via Zoom.
- The Colorado Ag Water Summit Convention will be held in Frasier on December 9-10. Manager Frank and Ron Redd from Parker Water and Sanitation District will be on a panel to talk about the Platte Valley Water Partnership as an example of agriculture and municipal interests working together on water supply projects.
- This year's South Platte Forum will be held at the Westin on December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Manager Frank is still working on an extension for the WaterSMART grant which would extend the grant through December 2022.
- Manager Frank and the board discussed the need for local public relations regarding the Platte Valley Water Partnership.
- Manager Frank stated that the estimated trial date for the Parker/Lower project 19CW3253 would likely be the first part of 2024.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Director Coyne made the motion to adjourn. Director Kembel seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.



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Deanna Eskew, District Secretary