

Lower South Platte Water Conservancy District

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Work Session: Prior to today's board meeting, the directors participated in a work session to discuss and receive updates on the Platte Valley Water Partnership

Minutes of meeting of the board of directors of the Lower South Platte Water Conservancy District
July 14, 2026

Directors present

Allen Coyne
Ken Fritzler
Bruce Gerk
Brian Kembel Zoom
Dan Kendrick Zoom
Gene Manuello
Jack McClary
Joe Patterson
Kent Pflager
Cody Poitz
Carson Smart
Brad Stromberger

Directors absent

Bob Mari - Excused
District staff present
Joe Frank, General Manager
Rick Fleharty, Technician
Craig Brownell, Technician
Deanna Eskew, Secretary

Visitors present

None

The meeting was called to order by President Fritzler.

Approval of the June 9, 2026, July 6, 2026, & July 8, 2026 board minutes

Director Coyne made the motion to approve the June 9, 2026 Board Minutes as well as the July 6th and July 8th, Special Board Minutes as submitted. Director Patterson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Finance report

Treasurer Coyne presented the finance report for the month of June. Director Coyne then made the motion to approve payment of District checks 17935-17964 as well as Julesburg Recharge check #1302. Director Gerk seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Public comment

None

Water rights monitoring

- Division I Water Court Resume’: No statements of opposition will be filed from the May Water Court Resume.’

Water activities enterprise

- Julesburg Recharge Project: Revere School District and Charles Julius have yet to pay their billing from the 2025 pumping season. An additional \$100.00 per well will now be added to their bill.

Manager Frank reviewed the agreement regarding the use of Tamarack credits.

Manager Frank noted that he will be contacting Ted Watchorn regarding the inclusion of the Watchorn Lake into the District’s augmentation plan.

Legal report

Manager Frank stated that the board will need to go into executive session later in the meeting to discuss the Platte Valley Water Partnership case 19CW3253 with the District’s attorney.

President’s report

None

Manager’s report

Included in the Manager’s report were the following:

Legislative matters

- WRASP/Colorado Water Congress
 - One of the topics on the upcoming Agenda of The Water Resources and Agriculture Review Committee is interruptible water supply agreements (IWSA).
 - The Colorado Water Congress Summer Convention will be held on August 17th-20th in Steamboat Springs.
 - Manager Frank also stated that members of the Colorado Water Congress board of directors and State Affairs Committee will be meeting to discuss current State Affairs procedures and any potential revisions for the future.

General matters

- South Platte Compact
 - Manager Frank stated that the United States Supreme Court will take up the entire case of the NE vs. CO lawsuit.
- South Platte Water Related Activities Program
 - The 3rd Quarter SPWRAP meeting will be held at Parker Water on Thursday, July 16th. Manager Frank noted that a few of the Agenda items will be SPWRAP accounting, the Tamarack well 17 update, and the Carlson Recharge Project.
- South Platte Basin Roundtable
 - The next meeting of the SPBRT will be held later today with a focus on Low and No Regrets. Manager Frank also reported that the October meeting of the Roundtable will be held in Sterling.
- Platte Valley Water Partnership
 - Manager Frank noted that the Partnership is moving forward with stipulations on the water court case.
- Office Expenses
 - Manager Frank discussed the hail damage to the office and vehicles from the recent storm. One window in the office was broken along with body and windshield damage to all three pickups.
- Meetings
 - Manager Frank and Jim Yahn gave a water presentation on June 24, 2026 to members of Premiere Farm Credit.

Executive session

At approximately 11:38 a.m. Director Coyne made the motion to adjourn into executive session for the following:

1. Conference with the District’s attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b).
2. For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiation, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e).

Director Poitz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

President Fritzler adjourned the executive session and reconvened the board meeting at approximately 12:55 p.m.

Old business

None

New business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Director Poitz made the motion to adjourn. Director Coyne seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:57 p.m.