

Executive Committee Minutes January 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Fritzler at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the District office. The following Executive Committee Directors were present: President Ken Fritzler, Vice President Gene Manuello, Treasurer Allen Coyne, and Committee Director Joe Patterson. Directors Dan Kendrick, Bob Mari, Jack McClary, and Carson Smart were also in attendance. Staff members Manager Joe Frank, Rick Fleharty, Craig Brownell, and Deanna Eskew were present along with Jeff Rice of the Sterling Journal Advocate and Darlene Carpio from Congressman Buck's office.

Board Minutes:

Director Manuello made the motion to approve the December 3rd, December 9th, and December 14, 2021 Board Minutes. Director Mari seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Coyne presented the financial report for the month of December. Director Coyne made the motion to approve payment of District checks 16175 – 16219 and Julesburg Recharge check 1149. Director Patterson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

River Monitoring:

Division I Water Court Resume':

No Statements of opposition will be filed from the November 2021 Water Court Resume'.

Julesburg Recharge Project:

Director Coyne made the motion to move forward with the Order to Delete the Woodhams (Moist) well from the District's augmentation plan. Director Mari seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Director Coyne made the motion to approve the Well Use Agreement between Lower and TGR Farms. Director Mari seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager Frank noted that because of the new diversion structure the Peterson Ditch was able to run until the end of December.

Heyborne Recharge Project:

Even with the freezing weather Manager Frank noted that there is a slight flow of water through the pipe at the Heyborne site.

Legal Report:

Manager Frank stated that it would be necessary to go into executive session later in the meeting to discuss legal matters and pending negotiations with the District's attorney.

Manager Frank noted that the amendment for the Water Rights Development case #19CW3253 was filed the end of December.

President's Report:

None

Manager's Report:

Included in Manager Frank's report were the following:

Legislative Matters:

- Due to the current language in the draft SB22-029 Concerning Water Speculation in the State of Colorado Director Kendrick made the motion to oppose. Director Manuello seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- The directors agreed to maintain an active role both in the District's lobbying group (WRASP) in 2022.

General Matters:

- SPWRAP –
The next quarterly meeting of SPWRAP will be held January 20, 2022. The meeting will be held both virtually and in person at Lower's office for any persons wishing to attend.
- The next meeting of the South Platte Basin Roundtable will be held this afternoon via Zoom.
- The South Platte Regional Opportunities Water Group (SPROWG) will be meeting January 18th. One of the items of discussion will be whether there is a need to hire a project manager for the group.
- Manager Frank reviewed the dates for upcoming meetings/presentations he will be attending this month.

1. January 12th – Morgan Conservation District
2. January 21st – Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce

3. January 31st – House Ag Committee

- Manager Frank was pleased to report that the District will once again be coordinating and sponsoring a children's water festival. The Northeast Colorado (NECO) Children's Water Festival will be held this September 21st, 2022 at the Logan County Fairgrounds.
- Manager Frank commented on the announcement by Nebraska's Governor to claim water from Colorado per the South Platte River Compact. Manager Frank and the board reviewed Article VI of the compact regarding the Perkins Canal and the potential affect on Water District 64.

Public Comment:

Darlene Carpio from Congressman Buck's office spoke to the board regarding an upcoming virtual national meeting with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers regarding Water's of the United States (WOTUS).

Executive Session:

At approximately 12:06 p.m. Director Coyne made the motion that the board recess into executive session for a conference call with the District's attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on a specific legal question under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) and for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e). Director Patterson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

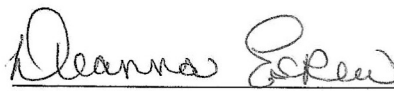
President Fritzler adjourned the executive session and reconvened the board meeting at approximately 1:44 p.m.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Director Coyne made the motion to adjourn. Director Mari seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:17 p.m.



Deanna Eskew, District Secretary