

Work Session: Prior to today's executive committee meeting, the directors participated in a work session to discuss and receive updates on the Perkins Canal.

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

***October 8, 2024***

***DIRECTORS PRESENT:***

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

***DIRECTORS ABSENT:***

Bob Mari

***DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:***

Joe Frank, General Manager

Rick Fleharty, Technician

Craig Brownell, Technician

Deanna Eskew, Secretary

***VISITORS PRESENT:***

Jeff Rice, South Platte Sentinel

The meeting was called to order by President Fritzler.

***APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES:***

Director Manuello made the motion to approve the September 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Minutes as submitted. Director Coyne seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

***FINANCE REPORT:***

After presenting the financial report for the month of September, Treasurer Coyne made the motion to approve payment of District checks 17296 – 17338 and Julesburg Recharge checks 1253 – 1254. Director Poitz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At approximately 9:05 a.m. Director Coyne made the motion to adjourn into executive session for the following:

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),

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 Patterson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President Fritzler adjourned the executive session and reconvened the board meeting at approximately 11:25 a.m.

## **RIVER MONITORING:**

*Division I, Water Court Resume':*

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

*Julesburg Recharge Project:*

The augmentation well at the project is currently running as there is no call on the river.

*Heyborne Recharge Project:*

The site has been cleaned for fall recharge. Highline Electric will be installing a data recorder on the power meter to help troubleshoot issues at the site.

**LEGAL REPORT:** None

***PRESIDENT'S REPORT:***

President Fritzler reminded the board that directors whose terms expire this year are:

Ken Fritzler

Dan Kendrick

Jack McClary

Joe Patterson

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***MANAGER'S REPORT:***

Included in the Manager's report were the following:

*Legislative Matters:*

WRASP/Colorado Water Congress –

Manager Frank noted that the 2025 CWC Board Retreat will be held in Sterling. Exact dates for the retreat have not been set but a tentative date is scheduled for May or June, 2025.

The Colorado Department of Health & Environment's (CDPHE) Rule Making Workshops regarding dredge and fill activities will continue through December, 2025. Colorado Water Congress is setting up a special project relating to the rulemaking of CDPE's dredge and fill activities.

#### 2025 Budget –

Director Coyne made the motion to approve the amended proposed budget for publication and set the date for the public hearing to November 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Director Pflager seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Perkins Canal –

The Perkins Canal Workgroup continues to review technical information. No additional information has come out of Nebraska at this time.

#### Water Supply Development –

Manager Frank stated that the 8:00 a.m. work sessions will continue to discuss water supply projects and development.

#### South Platte Water Related Activities Program –

An upcoming operations meeting will be held soon to discuss SPWRAP activities for 2025. This meeting will be especially important since it has been such a dry year, and the Tamarack wells will be turning on shortly and the effect that will have on the Peterson Ditch below. Manager Frank hopes the Tamarack wells will not start up until the end of November with the farthest wells from the river starting first.

A meeting with Ducks Unlimited is also being planned to discuss the Lassiter (Carlson Ditch) Project which will be used for the 3-States Agreement.

#### South Platte Basin Round Table –

The next meeting of the Round Table will be held later today with a focus on Low/No Regrets action items for the Inter Basin Compact Committee

#### Platte Valley Water Partnership –

Manager Frank reported that the Intergovernmental Agreement between Parker Water and Sanitation District and the Town of Castle Rock has been finalized.

Expert reports for the project are due November 4, 2024.

***OLD BUSINESS:***

None

***NEW BUSINESS:***

Director Coyne made the motion that beginning with the November 2024 board meeting, the director fees be lowered from \$100.00 to \$50.00/board meeting. Director Manuello seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

After further discussion by the board, Director Coyne amended the previously adopted motion to state that the director fees be lowered from \$100.00 to \$50.00/board meeting beginning January, 2025. Director Manuello seconded. Motion carried. Directors Stromberger and Ruf voted against the motion.

***ADJOURNMENT:***

There being no further business, Director Manuello made the motion to adjourn. Director Pflager seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:28 p.m.

Deanna Eskew, District Secretary