



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**

January 14, 2025

DIRECTOR'S PRESENT:

Allen Coyne	Jack McClary
Ken Fritzler	Joe Patterson
Bruce Gerke	Cody Poitz
Brian Kembel	Carson Smart
Gene Manuella	Brad Stromberger
Bob Mari Zoom	

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Dan Kendrick
Kent Pflager
Bryan Ruf

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

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

VISITORS:

None

The meeting was called to order by President Fritzler.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2024 BOARD MINUTES:

Director Coyne made the motion to approve the December 10, 2024 Board Minutes as amended .
Director Patterson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

FINANCE REPORT:

Treasurer Coyne presented the finance report for the month of December. Director Coyne made the motion to approve payment of District checks 17396-17430. Director Poitz seconded. Motion passed unanimously. There were no Julesburg Recharge checks in December.

Director Coyne made the motion that Agenda items 9, 10, and 11 be moved to follow the Finance Report. Director Patterson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

TABOR REMEDY: First Reading – Resolution # 02-1-2025

The board reviewed the First Reading of Resolution #02-1-2025 with Counsel Dalton Kelley via Zoom.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At approximately 9:30 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 which passed unanimously.

President Fritzler adjourned the executive session and reconvened the board meeting at approximately 10:40 a.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Director Stromberger made the motion that the current slate of officers, Executive Committee members and Board Secretary be retained for the year 2025. Director Gerk seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ken Fritzler, President
Gene Manuello, Vice President
Allen Coyne, Treasurer
Brian Kembel, Executive Committee Director
Joe Patterson, Executive Committee Director
Joe Frank, Board Secretary

WATER RIGHTS MONITORING:

Division I Water Court Resume':

No statements of opposition will be filed from the November, 2024 Water Court Resume.'

WATER ACTIVITIES ENTERPRISE REPORT:

Julesburg Recharge Project:

Manager Frank reviewed the interaction between the Tamarack well pumping and the Peterson Ditch recharge flows.

Manager Frank also noted that the Porter/Kari and Watchorn Projects are currently running.

Heyborne Recharge Project:

Manager Frank discussed possible remedies for delivering more water supply to the forebay.

Carlson Ditch:

Manager Frank updated the directors on the potential Carlson Recharge Project owned by Alex Lasater in Sedgwick County.

LEGAL REPORT:

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

None

RESOLUTION #02-1-2025 Approval for Publication

Director Poitz made the motion to publish Resolution #02-1-2025 on first reading as amended on the District's website with information on how comments can be submitted to the District for consideration and for staff to review the comments and bring Resolution #02-1-2025 to the board for consideration on February 11, 2025. Director Patterson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Coyne made the motion to approve the Engagement Letter from Liittjohann, Kauffman and Pederson for the 2024 audit at a cost of \$5,000.00. Director Kembel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Included in the Manager's report were the following:

Legislative Matters:

Water Rights Association of the South Platte/Colorado Water Congress –
Colorado Department of Health & Environment (CDPHE) is continuing monthly Rule Making Workshops pertaining to the Colorado Dredge and Fill Program.
WRASP will be holding weekly lobbyist meetings every Friday at 3:00 pm at the District office and via Zoom.
The 2025 CWC Board Retreat will be held in Sterling on June 16th – 18th, 2025.

General Matters:

Perkins Canal –
Manager Frank noted that the Perkins Canal workgroup has combined with the NE Colorado Water Cooperative meetings. The next meeting of the group will be held tomorrow, January 15th at the District office.

South Platte Water Related Activities Program –
Manager Frank reviewed the Platte River Recovery Program Governance Committee meeting

that was held in Sterling on December 10th and 11th.

SPWRAP's 1st Quarter Board Meeting will be held in Sterling on January 16th at the District office.

Manager Frank stated that SPWRAP and the District have collected and analyzed information over the past few years that will be utilized in developing an Operations Agreement for the future operation of Tamarack recharge in conjunction with flows at Peterson.

South Platte Basin Roundtable –

The next meeting of the SPBRT will be held later today. Staff from the Colorado River Water Conservation District will be in attendance to present on the Shoshone water right in the Colorado River basin.

District Rate Increase –

Manager Frank reported that letters were sent out to twenty entities stating that the District will increase its standard service fees by 25% starting in 2025 and will increase the fees by 2% per year until further notice beginning in 2026. An updated Rate Schedule was included with the letter.

Other Discussion Topics –

Manager Frank has been asked to speak at the Lower South Platte Symposium on January 23, 2025 at the Knights of Columbus in Sterling.

On February 13, 2025 Manager Frank will be speaking to the Morgan County Conservation District.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Director McClary made the motion to adjourn. Director Poitz seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:17 p.m.

Deanna Eskew, District Secretary