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

# Executive Committee Minutes September 10, 2024

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 Directors Brian Kembel (Zoom) and Joe Patterson.

Directors Bruce Gerk, Dan Kendrick, Kent Pflager, Jack McClary, and Brad Stromberger also attended the committee meeting along with David Kauffman from Liittjohann Kauffman and Pederson, Jackie Fischer, Manager of the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District and staff members Manager Joe Frank, Rick Fleharty, Craig Brownell, and Deanna Eskew.

Those Directors not in attendance for the Executive Committee meeting were Bob Mari, Carson Smart, Bryan Ruf, and Cody Poitz.

# **Board Minutes:**

Director Coyne made the motion to approve the August 13, 2024 Board Minutes. Director Manuello seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Financial Report:**

- ✓ Treasurer Coyne presented the financial report for the month of August. Director Coyne then made the motion to approve payment of District checks 17265 17295 and Julesburg Recharge check 1252. Director Pflager seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- ✓ David Kauffman of Liittjohann, Kauffman and Pederson presented the 2023 audit report to the board. Director Coyne made the motion to approve the audit report. Director Pflager seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- ✓ Manager Frank reviewed the draft 2025 budget with the directors. The updated proposed budget will be presented to the board at the October meeting.

#### **River Monitoring:**

Division I Water Court Resume':

No Statements of opposition will be filed from the July 2024 Water Court Resume'.

Julesburg Recharge Project:

Charles Julius remains the only well owner who has yet to pay their pumping bill from last year.

Heyborne Recharge Project:

Blochowitz Ditching will be cleaning the site in preparation for fall recharge.

### **Legal Report:**

Manager Frank stated that the board will need to go into executive session later in the meeting 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 negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24060402(4)(e).

One item the board will need to discuss with Counsel Woldridge is the Intergovernmental Agreement RE Platte Valley Water Partnership (Town of Castle Rock & Parker Water and Sanitation District).

### **President's Report:**

President Fritzler reminded the board of the Children's Water Festival that will be held next Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Logan County Fairgrounds. Approximately six hundred fifth grade students from Logan, Morgan, Sedgwick, and Washington counties are scheduled to attend this year's festival.

## Manager's Report:

Included in Manager Frank's report were the following:

- ✓ Perkins Canal
  - The Perkins Canal Workgroup will be holding a work session tomorrow, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. with state officials regarding the canal.
- ✓ WRASP/Colorado Water Congress -
  - Manager Frank attended, via Zoom, the Colorado Department of Health & Environment's (CDPHE) 1<sup>st</sup> Rule Making Workshop regarding dredge and fill activities. Manager Frank noted that approximately four hundred attendees were on the Zoom call.
  - Colorado Water Congress board members will be holding their annual board retreat in Sterling in 2025.
  - CWC Summer Convention was held on August 20<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> in Colorado Springs. At this year's convention, CWC awarded CWC Executive Director, Doug Kemper the 2024 Wayne N. Aspinall Water Leader of the Year.
- ✓ South Platte Water Related Activities Program (SPWRAP)
  - On Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, the Tamarack-Petersen Ditch Interaction Committee will be meeting to discuss SPWRAP technical operations. Due to the

- dry year, the startup date for recharge wells at Tamarack will be one of the items of discussion.
- SPWRAP will be holding their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at Northern Water Conservancy District.
- ✓ South Platte Basin Round Table
  - Manager Frank will be attending today's Round Table meeting.
- ✓ Platte Valley Water Partnership
  - Manager Frank will be participating in a panel to present the latest progress of the Platte Valley Water Partnership to the Interim Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee of the State Legislature on September 18<sup>th.</sup>
  - Manager Frank included in the Legal Report a calendar of important upcoming deadlines for the project.

# **New Business:**

The District's Gidding's Rig needs new augers and drill bits. Manager Frank stated that the cost will be included in the proposed budget presentation at the October board meeting.

#### **Executive Session:**

At approximately 12:39 p.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 Patterson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President Fritzler adjourned the executive session and reconvened the board meeting at approximately 1:40 p.m.

#### **Old Business:**

During the executive session, the board reviewed the Intergovernmental Agreement RE Platte Valley Water Partnership (Town of Castle Rock and Parker Water & Sanitation District). After advice from the District's counsel, and noting that the only change since the last meeting was to add the oversight of the structure which was included to benefit the District, Director Coyne made the motion to approve the agreement. Director Kendrick seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

# Adjournment:

There being no further business, Director Pflager made the motion to adjourn. Director Kendrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Deanna Eskew, District Secretary