

LOWER SOUTH PLATTE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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

October 8, 2019

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

- Allen Coyne, Ken Fritzler, Dan Kendrick, Brian Kembel, Terry Linker, Gene Manuello, Jack McClary, Joe Patterson, Bryan Ruf, Carson Smart, Brad Stromberger

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

- Pete Bolinger, Bart Ginther, Bob Mari, Don Schneider

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

- Joe Frank, General Manager, Rick Fleharty, Technician, Deanna Eskew, Secretary

VISITORS PRESENT:

Jeff Rice, Sterling Journal Advocate

The meeting was called to order by President Fritzler.



APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 BOARD MINUTES:

Director Linker made the motion to approve the Board Minutes of September 10, 2019 as submitted. Director Kendrick seconded. Motion passed. Director Coyne abstained.

FINANCE REPORT:

Director Coyne presented the Finance Report for the month of September. Director Coyne made the motion to approve payment of District checks 15249 – 15291 as well as Julesburg Recharge checks 1062 – 1063. Director Patterson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

RIVER MONITORING REPORT:

Division I Water Court Resume':

No statements of opposition will be filed from the August 2019 Water Court Resume'.

Julesburg Recharge Project:

Manager Frank reported that the pump at the Heyborne Recharge site is currently being repaired and will be reinstalled after repairs are made.

LEGAL REPORT:

Since Kelly Custer has retired manager Frank will contact attorneys Alyson Scott and Ryan Donovan to set up a time when they can meet with the board in Sterling to discuss succession planning and future work on District water matters.

The District is still a party in the State Engineer's Republican River rulemaking and continues to monitor the rules on behalf of its members and its augmentation plan. In addition, the Republican River Water Conservation District will be holding a meeting with newly affected well owners on October 9th in Julesburg to go over landowner agreements guaranteeing in perpetuity that landowners in the new RRWCD boundaries will not be charged any taxes or fees so long as they are part of a South Platte basin decreed augmentation plan. These landowner agreements do not protect landowners from being curtailed by the State of Colorado as part of Republican River compact compliance, should curtailment ever occur.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Included in Manager Frank's report were the following:

- South Platte Water Related Activities Program (SPWRAP) will be holding their Annual Meeting immediately following the annual South Platte Forum meeting on October 24th.
- The Interim Water Resources Review Committee will be holding meetings at the State Capitol on the 23rd and 24th of October. Manager Frank is scheduled to testify on October 24th in regards to the South Platte Regional Opportunities Water Group.
- Manager Frank attended the C9 Summit on September 25th and 26th.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Director Coyne made the motion that the board recess into executive session 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 regarding legal matters. Director Patterson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

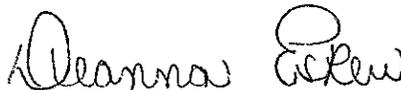
The board meeting was recessed at approximately 10:30 a.m. President Fritzler adjourned the executive session and reconvened the board meeting at approximately 12:31 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Linker made the motion to accept the amended proposed budget for publication and set the date for the public hearing to November 12, 2019. Director Patterson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business Director Coyne made the motion to adjourn. Director Patterson seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:40 p.m.



Deanna Eskew, Secretary