



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**

December 10, 2024

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Kent Pflager

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

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

VISITORS PRESENT:

None

The meeting was called to order by President Fritzler.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 12TH & 26TH 2024 BOARD MINUTES:

Director Coyne made the motion to approve the November 12, 2024 Board Minutes as submitted. Director Poitz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Director Kendrick made the motion to approve the November 26, 2024 Special Board Minutes as submitted. Director Coyne seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE REPORT:

Treasurer Coyne presented the finance report for the month of November. Director Coyne then made the motion to approve payment of District checks 17367-17396. Director Patterson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. There were no Julesburg Recharge checks to approve.

RESOLUTION TO SET THE MILL LEVY:

Director Coyne made the motion to approve the Resolution to Set the Mill Levy at .500 mill. Director Manuello seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY:

Director Coyne made the motion to approve the resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money. Director Kendrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

RIVER MONITORING:

Division I Water Court Resume':

No statements of opposition will be filed from the October, 2024 Water Court Resume.’

Julesburg Recharge Project:

Manager Frank stated that the current priority has been to analyze and monitor the interaction between the Tamarack well pumping and the Peterson Ditch recharge flows. Manager Frank said that the goal is to develop a written operations agreement to outline future procedures for operating both projects in conjunction.

Manager Frank noted that he will begin working on the 2024 billing to the well owners soon and is still waiting for final 3-States payments to incorporate into the 2024 billing.

Heyborne Recharge Project:

Manager Frank discussed the current onsite issues including: water supply at the inlet pond, tree removal , and internal berms at Pond #1 for landowner waterfowl hunting.

LEGAL REPORT:

The Leachman Diligence decree has been finalized and signed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

The Board congratulated Director Manuello on his 80th birthday.

Directors Ken Fritzler, Dan Kendrick, Jack McClary, and Joe Patterson have each been reappointed to serve another four-year term ending December 31, 2028.

The following meetings are scheduled for January, 2025:

January 7, 2025 Special Board Meeting
January 10, 2025 Work Session
January 14, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
January 16, 2025 SPWRAP Quarterly Meeting in Sterling

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Included in the Manager’s report were the following:

Legislative Matters:

- WRASP/Colorado Water Congress –
 - Manager Frank reported that the first draft of the Regulation No. 87, Colorado Dredge and Fill Program is now available on the CDPHE website for review and comment.
 - The 2025 CWC Board Retreat will be held in Sterling on June 16th – 18th of 2025.
 - Manager Frank said that Lower will no longer be able to contribute to WRASP due to budget constraints but will continue its in-kind role.

General Matters:

- Perkins Canal –
 - Manager Frank asked the directors to note the articles in the board packet regarding the Perkins Canal.
 - The next meeting of the Perkins Canal Workgroup has been tentatively scheduled for January 15, 2024.

- South Platte Water Related Activities Program –
 - The Platte River Recovery Program Governance Committee will be meeting in Sterling today and tomorrow morning at Sky Ranch. The SPWRAP Annual Meeting will then be held tomorrow at 2:00 at Lower’s office.

- Manager Frank updated the directors on the Carlson (Lasater) Recharge Project in Sedgwick County. A meeting to discuss the project further with SPWRAP and Ducks Unlimited has been scheduled for December 18, 2024 at DU’s office in Ft. Collins.

- South Platte Basin Round Table –
 - The next meeting of the Round Table will be held on January 14, 2025.

- Hix Insurance Quote -
 - Director Coyne made the motion to accept the quote from Hix Risk Consultants for the year 2025 for approximately \$23,170.98. Director Kendrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- South Platte Regional Opportunities Water Group –
 - Manager Frank updated the board on the current status of SPROWG along with discussions about the future of SPROWG.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At approximately 11:28 a.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 which passed unanimously.

President Fritzler adjourned the executive session and reconvened the board meeting at approximately 1:05 P.m.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Director Patterson made the motion to adjourn. Director Poitz seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:06 p.m.

Deanna Eskew, District Secretary