

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**

August 10, 2021

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Allen Coyne	Bob Mari
Ken Fritzler	Jack McClary
Dan Kendrick	Joe Patterson
Brian Kembel	Carson Smart
Gene Manuello	Don Schneider Zoom

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Terry Linker
Bryan Ruf
Brad Stromberger

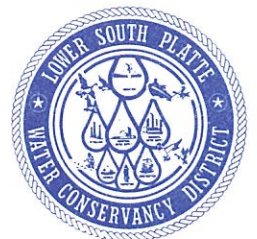
DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

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

VISITORS PRESENT:

None

The meeting was called to order by President Fritzler.



APPROVAL OF THE JULY 13, 2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Director Coyne made the motion to approve the July 13, 2021 Executive Committee Minutes as submitted. Director Kembel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE REPORT:

Treasurer Coyne presented the financial report for the month of July. Treasurer Coyne then made the motion to approve District checks 16023 – 16051 and Julesburg Recharge checks 1140 and 1141. Director Patterson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

RIVER MONITORING:

Division I Water Court Resume’:

No statements of opposition will be filed from the June 2021 Water Court Resume’.

Julesburg Recharge Project:

Manager Frank reported that the District was able to include both the TGR Land (Beau Davis) and the new Julesburg School in the District’s augmentation plan amendment that was filed by the end of July.

The Beavers Special D contract is being finalized and will be recorded.

Manager Frank submitted two names (Charles Julius and Leon Woodhams) to Counsel Donovan asking that letters be sent advising them that if fees and costs are not paid their contracts will not be renewed at the end of the calendar year and their wells will be removed from the District’s augmentation plan.

Heyborne Recharge Project:

Manager Frank noted that all the issues from this last year have been corrected and the site should be ready for next year.

LEGAL REPORT:

Manager Frank said that the board will need to recess into executive session later in the meeting to review the Parker/Lower and Prewitt agreements.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Included in Manager Frank's report were the following:

Legislative Issues:

- The next meeting of the Interim Water Resources Review Committee will be meeting at the summer convention of Colorado Water Congress.
- The last Zoom meeting of the Anti-Speculation Committee was held yesterday. The committee will present their report to the general assembly with no formal recommendations.

General Matters:

- SPWRAP
 - Two invoices that will be presented to SPWRAP for payment include JID invoice for the Petersen Diversion structure and Ducks Unlimited for bank stabilization. The District also paid Ducks Unlimited this month \$19,000 for bank stabilization at Tamarack.
- Colorado Water Congress
 - The summer convention of the Colorado Water Congress will be held in Steamboat on August 24 – 25.
- South Platte Basin Round Table SPBRT
 - The next Round Table meeting will be held later today via in person or virtual.
- SPROWG – South Platte Regional Opportunities Water Group
 - Group SPROWG meetings have been temporarily suspended while individual group members meet to discuss potential synergies between current and planned projects.
- Colorado Ag Water Summit
 - Director Coyne made the motion to contribute \$500.00 to help sponsor the event. Director Mari seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Phone System – Rodine Communications
 - Estimated costs for a new cloud-based phone system would be approximately \$2,500.00 plus a monthly fee. Craig Brownell discussed the comparisons with other companies he had contacted. Both he and Manager Frank felt Rodine Communications would work best for the District. Internet services would remain with Spectrum.

Director Patterson made the motion to hire Rodine Communications to provide the cloud-based phone system. Director Mari seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

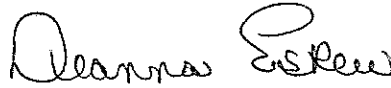
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Director Coyne made the motion at approximately 10:39 a.m. 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. The motion was seconded by Director Patterson which passed unanimously.

President Fritzler adjourned the executive session and reconvened the board meeting at approximately 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Director Kendrick made the motion to adjourn. Director McClary seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:19 p.m.



Deanna Eskew, Secretary