

Executive Committee Minutes September 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Fritzler at approximately 9:10 a.m. at the District office. The following Executive Committee Directors were present: President Ken Fritzler, Treasurer Allen Coyne, and Committee Director Brian Kembel via Zoom. Directors Dan Kendrick and Carson Smart were also in attendance along with staff members Manager Joe Frank, Rick Fleharty and Craig Brownell. Guests in attendance were Jim Yahn, Bruce Gerke, Allen Wind, Darlene Carpio, Matt Lindberg, and Nora Flynn.

Colorado Water Plan:

Matt Lindberg from Brown and Caldwell and Nora Flynn from the Colorado Water Conservation Board gave a presentation to the board and guests on the Draft Colorado Water Plan. The comment period for the draft water plan ends September 30, 2022.

Board Minutes:

Director Coyne made the motion to approve the August 9, 2022 Board Minutes as submitted. Director Kendrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Coyne presented the financial report for the month of August. Director Coyne made the motion to approve payment of District checks 16435 – 16461 and Julesburg Recharge checks 1182 - 1183. Director Kendrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

River Monitoring:

Division I Water Court Resume':

No Statements of opposition will be filed from the July 2022 Water Court Resume'.

Julesburg Recharge Project:

Manager Frank stated that comments are due back on the District's water court case 21CW3135 by October 10th from Harmony who is the only objector in the case. The Substitute Water Supply Plan was filed on June 30th.

Heyborne Recharge Project:

District Technicians Rick Fleharty and Craig Brownell are beginning maintenance work in preparation for starting operations at the Heyborne Recharge site around the middle of October.

Legal Report:

None

President's Report:

None

Manager's Report:

Included in Manager Frank's report were the following:

- ✓ *Perkins County Canal* –
Manager Frank updated the board on the Perkins County Canal. The Nebraska governor toured the area recently for a possible canal route into Nebraska.
- ✓ *Colorado Water Congress* –
The Interim Water Resources Review Committee (IWRRC) will be meeting on September 22nd to review ten potential proposed interim committee bills. In order to move an IWRRC bill forward during the next legislative session, the committee must pass the proposed bill by a two-thirds vote.
- ✓ *SPWRAP* –
 - South Platte Water Related Activities Program (SPWRAP) will hold its Annual Meeting of members to elect directors and to conduct other business that may come before the members on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the City of Greeley's Water Resources Department and will also offer an online option via Zoom.
 - SPWRAP is still in the process of updating its' website with plans to have it ready by the end of the year.
- ✓ *NE Colorado Water Cooperative* –
The WaterSMART Grant final report is due into the Bureau of Reclamation by the end of December.
- ✓ *South Platte Basin Roundtable* –
The next meeting of the roundtable will be at 4:00 pm today.
- ✓ *South Platte Regional Opportunities Water Group (SPROWG)* –
SPROWG pre-submittal meeting with three consultants for the position of project manager.

- ✓ *Platte Valley Water Partnership* –
Manager Frank stated that the Prewitt Agreement is still being negotiated and is getting close to a final agreement.

- ✓ *Presentations – Tours – Special Meetings* –
 - Manager Frank presented on current issues in the South Platte basin to various conservation districts at their Lower South Platte Watershed meeting in Haxtun on August 22nd.
 - Manager Frank attended the Colorado Water Congress Summer Convention in Steamboat Springs on August 23rd and 24th.
 - Manager Frank will be attending the Annual Conference of the Special District Association tomorrow September 14th in Keystone. Manager Frank was asked to participate in a panel discussion regarding the Platte Valley Water Partnership.

- ✓ *Children's Water Festival* –
The Northeast Colorado Children's Water Festival will be held next week on September 21st with approximately 450 fifth graders attending from area schools in all four of the counties within the District.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Director Coyne made the motion to adjourn. Director Kendrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:04 p.m.



Joe Frank, General Manager