

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE
MINUTES**

October 21, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (Enterprise) was held on Thursday, October 21, 2021, @ 10:46 a.m., at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado. The ZOOM platform was also made available for Board members and visitors.

President Long established that a Quorum was present.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Alan Hamel	Curtis Mitchell	Mark Pifer
Andy Colosimo	Dallas May	Pat Edelmann
Ann Nichols	Greg Felt	Patrick Garcia
Bill Long	Howard "Bub" Miller	Tom Goodwin

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Kevin Karney, Seth Clayton, and Carl McClure.

ENTERPRISE OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Executive Director James Broderick; General Counsel Lee Miller; Senior Policy and Issues Manager Chris Woodka; Principal Engineer Kevin Meador (remote); Water Resource Engineer Garrett Markus; Administrator of Finance and Administration Leann Noga; Administrative Support Specialist Margie Medina; Administrative Support Associate Patty Rivas; and Kogovsek and Associates Christine Arbogast (arrived @ 9:45).

VISITORS PRESENT:

Barbara Crockett (remote) Jacobs Engineering; Bill Tyner Colorado Division of Water Resources; Brandon Bernard (remote) Widefield Water & Sanitation; Brett Graceley (remote @ 10:12) LRE Water; Curtis Thompson AECOM; Dan Phipps (remote) Tetra Tech; Jeffery Deherrera Pueblo West Metro; Jenny Bishop (remote) Colorado Springs Utilities; Jerry Pena (remote) Kennedy Jenks; Mark Scott (remote) Providence Infrastructure Consulting; Mike Holmberg (remote) USBR; Rick Kienitz (remote) Aurora Water; and Travis White JHL Constructors, Inc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long said the minutes of the September 16, 2021, Board meeting were posted to the Board website for review and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mr. Edelmann moved, seconded by Mr. Hamel, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

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TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer Nichols reported the financial statements for September 2021, were posted to the Board website for review. Ms. Nichols moved, seconded by Mr. Edelman, for acceptance of the September 2021 financial statements and payment of the October 2021 bills. Motion unanimously carried.

PRESENTATION ITEMS:

FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE

Ms. Arbogast reported that the Senate passed the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill and the \$3.5 trillion reconciliation resolution, which provides a roadmap for spending over the next 10 years. The infrastructure bill includes \$8.3 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation, (Reclamation) which does not sound like an enormous amount of money, but for the Reclamation, it is.

It includes \$1 billion for rural water projects, over \$1 billion for storage and conveyance, over \$3 billion for aging infrastructure, funding for the endangered fish recovery programs, recycle/reuse projects, WaterSMART and more.

The reconciliation package is a roadmap and does not contain specific spending for specific projects. That will be done by the authorizing committees if the resolution passes. Both the bill and the resolution go to the House next week, where members are returning early from the August recess. It is unknown if either will pass, given the very small majority the Democrats have.

In addition, the annual appropriations process is underway. The House passed the energy and water bill and the Senate bill has been passed by the Appropriations Committee. Staff is in informal conference to iron out differences.

Both bills include \$10 million for the Arkansas Valley Conduit. There was also a plus up the Reclamation budget to \$1.9 billion, and the Senate adds an additional \$450 million for emergency drought assistance in the West. It is possible the bill could pass before Thanksgiving.

The confirmation process for Camille Touton to be Commissioner of Reclamation is pending, and there is hope for a hearing in September. Mike Connor, nominee to head the Corps of Engineers, is moving through that process as well with hearings already held.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

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INFORMATION ITEMS:

The Board was provided written material on the following topics, which was posted to the Board website:

- AVC Update
- JWBHP Update
- Excess Capacity Master Contract Update
- 2022 Proposed Budget

Mr. Long asked if there were any other business matters to come before the Enterprise Board. Hearing no other matters to be brought before the Enterprise Board, Mr. Long adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Rivas
Administrative Support Associate

Secretary
