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**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO  
WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE  
MINUTES  
January 18, 2024**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (Enterprise) was held on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado. President Long called to order the Enterprise meeting at 10:05 a.m. The ZOOM platform was also made available for Board members and visitors.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Alan Hamel	Dallas May	Matt Heimerich (remote)
Andy Colosimo	Greg Felt (remote)	Pat Edelmann
Ann Nichols	Howard "Bub" Miller	Patrick Garcia
Bill Long	Kevin Karney	Seth Clayton
Curtis Mitchell	Mark Pifher	Tom Goodwin

**DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:**

None

President Long established that a Quorum was present.

**DISTRICT OFFICIALS:**

Executive Director James Broderick; General Counsel Lee Miller; Staff Attorney Peter Levish; Senior Policy and Issues Manager Chris Woodka; Water Resources Principal Engineer Garrett Markus; Principal Engineer's Kevin Meador and Mark Scott; Director of Administration and Finance Leann Noga; Administrative Support Specialist's Margie Medina and Patty Rivas; H2O Consultant Roy Vaughan; Kogovsek & Associates Christine Arbogast, and Kleinfelder Gordon Dillon.

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

Aurora Water, Rick Kienitz and Abba Ahmed; USGS, Andrew Klakulak; and AECOM, Curtis Thompson.

**VISITORS CONNECTED VIA ZOOM:**

Pueblo West Metro, Bobby Bandham and Jeffery DeHerrera; Kennedy Jenks, Jerry Pena; Luke Mecklenburg, Assistant Attorney General Interstate Water Unit; USBR, Mike Holmberg; Wilson Water Group, Mitch Frischmeyer; Kansas Department of Agriculture, Rachel Duran; Security Water & Sanitation District, Roy Heald; and Colorado Springs Utilities, Scott Lorenz.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

President Long said the minutes of the December 7, 2023, Enterprise Board meetings were posted to OnBoard and the website for review and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mr. Garcia moved, seconded by Mr. Karney, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Ms. Nichols reported the financial statements for November 2023 and DRAFT December 2023, were posted to OnBoard and the Website for review. Ms. Nichols moved, seconded by Mr. Clayton, for acceptance of the November 2023 and DRAFT December 2023 financial statements and payment of the January 2024 bills. Motion unanimously carried.

**PRESENTATION ITEMS:**

FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE

Ms. Arbogast updated the Board as follows:

- Progress is slow in D.C. While there is an agreement on the top line numbers for FY '24 appropriations, there is not yet an agreement on the allocations to the 12 subcommittees. As a result, there is another set of Continuing Resolutions which run through early March.
- No movement on the next farm bill; the House says their bill will come in March or April; the Senate says their bill will be May or June. There is growing concern that there will be no bill; that we will see another year's extension, or perhaps a reauthorization of the existing bill with no changes.
- A visit to Washington was made by Christine Arbogast, Bill Long, Kevin Karney, Jim Broderick and Leann Noga. A meeting was had with Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper to update them on the Bureau of Reclamation's new plan to construct the Arkansas Valley Conduit from both ends, and direct as much infrastructure bill money to it as possible. There was also a meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau). In addition to pressing for as much infrastructure money as possible, emphasis was conveyed for the need to start increasing the baseline budget request to \$30-\$40 million per year. The Bureau did not gasp at that request, and the Senators agreed to push for it. A meeting was held in order to update Congresswoman Boebert's staff and meet with Congresswoman Pettersen to get more acquainted with her given she represents the Upper Arkansas area.
- Finally, there was a meeting with Mike Connor at the Corps of Engineers regarding possible funding for the spurs and connections for the AVC Participants. Mr. Connor indicated that this funding would have to come through authorizing earmark, which will be further explored. Jim Broderick gave additional notes from the meeting with Mike Connor.
- A recent meeting was held with USDA Rural Development, and they are enthusiastic about partnering with Participants. In the works is organizing a meeting of all possible funding Participants.
- The District will be hosting the Colorado Water Congress Board Retreat April 18-20, 2024.

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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

President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the Enterprise Board, hearing no other matters Mr. Long adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

**Patty Rivas**  
Administrative Support Specialist

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**Seth Clayton – Secretary**

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**Bill Long – President**

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**Howard “Bub” Miller**

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**Curtis Mitchell – Vice President**

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**Kevin Karney**

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**Ann Nichols – Treasurer**

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