

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE
MINUTES**

March 18, 2021

A virtual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (Enterprise) was held on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 10:28 a.m., via ZOOM.

President Bill Long welcomed all in attendance to the virtual meeting. Mr. Long established that a quorum was present.

DIRECTORS CONNECTED:

Alan Hamel	Curtis Mitchell	Pat Edelmann
Andrew Colosimo	Greg Felt	Patrick Garcia
Ann Nichols	Howard “Bub” Miller	Seth Clayton
Bill Long	Kevin Karney	
Carl McClure	Mark Pifher	

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Tom Goodwin, and Dallas May

ENTERPRISE OFFICIALS CONNECTED:

Executive Director James Broderick; General Counsel Lee Miller; Principal Engineer Kevin Meador; Senior Policy and Issues Manager Chris Woodka; Water Resource Engineer Garrett Markus; Finance Manager Leann Noga; Administrative Support Specialist Margie Medina; Accounting Specialist Stephanie Shipley; Accounting Specialist Support Lynette Holt; and Patty Rivas Administrative Support Associate; Christine Arbogast, Kogovsek and Associates.

VISITORS CONNECTED:

Bill Tyner, Division Engineers Office; Cathy Garcia, Congress Woman Lauren Boebert’s office; Curtis Thompson, AECOM; Jeffery Deherrera, Pueblo West Metro District; Jenny Bishop, Colorado Springs Utilities; Jerry Pena, Kennedy Jenks; Kevin Bergschneider, HDR Engineering; Krystal Brown, USGS; Mark Scott, Providence Infrastructure; Mike Holmberg, USBR; and Abba Ahmed, Aurora Water; and Barbara Crockett, Jacobs Engineering Group.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long said the minutes of the February 18, 2021 Board meeting were posted to the Board website for review and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mr. Colosimo moved, seconded by Mr. Pifher, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

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TREASURER REPORT:

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

PRESENTATION ITEMS:

FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE

Ms. Arbogast reported Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland was elected by a 51-40 vote, and we will hopefully meet some of the sub-cabinet nominees before too long. In the COVID package which recently passed, money for state and local governments can be used for water, wastewater and broadband infrastructure, as well as COVID-related impacts. We will look into the state plans for water purposes.

Now that that package has been enacted, Congress' next big target is a broader infrastructure package. The basis of it appears to be the surface transportation reauthorization. Other titles, including those for water, will be added to it. There are two pushes for infrastructure investment in the Western water community: a broad coalition which includes the Family Farm Alliance, Western Growers, National Water Resources Association, Farm Bureau, and others. A letter with 200 signatories was driven by that coalition and included the Colorado Water Congress. In addition, Senator Bennet is circulating a Western water investment letter to be sent by Senators to the White House Economic Policy team.

There is a bit of activity going on in the wildfire mitigation arena, with efforts to move funds into accounts which can fund mitigation from the catastrophic fires of last fall. The annual appropriations process is about to get underway, even though the Administration's budget is not expected until late April or early May. There is a return to earmarks, but it is limited to 1 percent of the total federal budget so about \$1.4 billion.

Finally, we are continuing to watch what the Administration is doing on the Trump regulatory reforms. In the meantime, Senator Mike Lee of Utah has introduced a series of NEPA reform bills, including one which limits the length of time EIS and EA processes can take. This may garner bipartisan support.

2021 FRYINGPAN-ARKANSAS PROJECT WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Mr. Markus presented a PowerPoint covering the following:

1. Upper Colorado Rivas Basin-Water Year totals Oct 2020-Feb. 2021
2. Month to Date Precipitation as of March 17, 2021
3. Colorado Monthly Snowpack Summary, Feb. 1, 2021
4. Colorado Monthly Precipitation Summary, End of Jan. 2021
5. Colorado Monthly Snowpack Summary Mar. 1, 2021
6. Colorado Monthly Precipitation Summary, end of Feb. 2021
7. Snowpack Charts for Mar. 17, 2021
8. Bureau of Reclamation Fry-Ark Import Forecasts
 - a. February 1 – 40,200 acre-feet
 - b. March 1 – 44,100 acre feet

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ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR OPERATIONS SERVICES AT THE JAMES W. BRODERICK HYDROPOWER PLANT BETWEEN THE SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE AND KLEINFELDER, INC.

Mr. Meador presented an action item recommending the Enterprise Board approve an Agreement for Operations between the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise and Kleinfelder, Inc.

This agreement is the continuation of the past contract for operations services at the James W. Broderick Hydropower Plant (JWBHP). Kleinfelder, Inc. has provided the Lead Operator, Gordon Dillon, at the plant since its operations began in 2019. Mr. Dillon has provided excellent services for the operations and maintenance of the facility and the Enterprise desires to continue those services for 2021. On March 4, 2021, the Resource and Engineering Planning Committee (REPC) recommended approval of the contract.

The Board was provided a copy of the Agreement for Operations between the Southeastern Colorado Water Enterprise and Kleinfelder, Inc.

Mr. Garcia moved, seconded by Mr. Hamel, that the Southeastern Colorado Activity Enterprise Board approve an Agreement for Operations Services between the Southeastern Colorado Water Enterprise and Kleinfelder, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

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
- Recovery of Storage Update

Mr. Broderick concluded by making statements regarding the OnBoard software and meetings. The process of the OnBoard software is a step forward for the District. Not only for the current remote situation, but long-term as well. All materials will be housed within the software, they will be able to be referenced at any time. The remote meeting situation will remain in place thru the April Board Meeting. In the future, we may hold a Hybrid version of meetings, staying in line with state regulations. If information changes, the Board will certainly be notified. Mr. Long asked if there were any other business matters to come before the Enterprise Board, hearing none, Mr. Long adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am.

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Respectfully submitted,

Patty Rivas
Administrative Support Associate

Secretary

