

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE**

MINUTES

October 18, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (Enterprise) was held on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 11:20 a.m. at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

President Long announced a quorum was present.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Bill Long	Curtis Mitchell	Gibson Hazard
Ann Nichols	Kevin Karney	Carl McClure
Tom Goodwin	Dallas May	Andy Colosimo
Mark Pifher	Alan Hamel	Seth Clayton
Patrick Garcia		

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Howard "Bub" Miller and Greg Felt

ENTERPRISE OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Executive Director James Broderick; General Counsel Lee Miller; Administrative Manager Toni Gonzales; Principal Engineer Kevin Meador; Water Resources Engineer Garrett Markus; Issues Management Program Coordinator Chris Woodka; Finance Manager Leann Noga; and Federal Lobbyist Christine Arbogast.

VISITORS PRESENT:

Roy Vaughan and Shane Hayden, Bureau of Reclamation-Pueblo Office; Curt Thompson, AECOM; Bill Tyner, Division Engineers Office; Mark Scott, GHD, Ruben Cruz, Kleinfelder; Jenny Bishop, Colorado Springs Utilities; Kevin Niles, Arkansas Groundwater Users Association; Cathy Garcia and Michael Flora, Senator Cory Gardner's office; Doug Fitzgerald, Congressman Scott Tipton's office; Kim Swearingen and Judy Leonard, Pueblo West Metropolitan District; Roy Heald, Security Water and Sanitation District and Fountain Valley Authority; Tim Gates, John Labadie, and Faizal Rohmat, Colorado State University.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long said the minutes of the September 20, 2018 Board meeting were posted to the Board website for review, and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mr. Karney moved, seconded by Mr. Garcia, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Treasurer Nichols reported the financial statements for September 2018 were posted to the Board website for review. Ms. Nichols moved, seconded by Mr. Clayton, for acceptance of the September 2018 financial statements and payment of the October 2018 bills. Motion unanimously carried.

CONSENT ITEMS:

None

PRESENTATIONS:

FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE

Christine Arbogast reported that Congress passed an appropriations bill which included the funding for the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), and it was signed into law on September 21, 2018. BOR will send a spending plan to Congress within 45 days of that date so we will know whether the Arkansas Valley Conduit (AVC) will get funding.

The delegation is now working with OMB in support of FY '20 funding for the AVC. The FY '20 budget will come out in February 2019.

In a bipartisan way, there is discussion of returning to an earmark process which would be transparent and have constraints.

President Trump has directed the Cabinet to cut five percent from budgets. Congress has not approved previously requested cuts.

Congress passed the WRDA bill. Two provisions of interest: report language on water transfer rule. No codification of the rule as we had hoped.

Also included was a provision to expand the WIFIA project funding mechanism now available to Corps of Engineers to BOR.

The farm bill conference continues. Compromise on forest health unknown at this time but discussions have stopped according to staff.

Hurricane relief for farmers will be discussed in the lame duck.

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PUEBLO DAM HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT UPDATE

Kevin Meador reported construction of the Pueblo Dam Hydroelectric Project continues on schedule for a Fall 2018 start-up. Mr. Meador provided the Board a chart showing the project summary. He then presented a PowerPoint showing the following pictures:

- Preparing to install “Papa Bear” September 26
- Installing scroll case for” Papa Bear” September 27
- “Papa Bear” in place October 11
- Draft tub installation
- Inside Powerhouse September 26 and October 12
- Finishing touches
- Outside projects
- Wildlife not affected

AVC UPDATE

Chris Woodka presented a PowerPoint on the AVC update reviewing the following:

- Interim Water Resources Review Committee
- State’s role
- 2019 Work Plan
- Regionalization
- Technical sessions began October 10

DISTRICT OFFICE PARKING LOT ASPHALT PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Kevin Meador reported on the parking lot replacement project with a PowerPoint reviewing the following:

- Grinding up of the parking lot
- Cracks in the parking lot pavement
- Test bores
- Replacement plan developed in April 2018
- Heavy equipment used in the process
- Concrete slabs in place
- Concrete repairs

ACTION ITEMS

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

- AVC and Excess Capacity Master Contract Update

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OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS:

President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the meeting, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Gonzales
Administrative Manager

Secretary
