

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

MINUTES

December 7, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) was held on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 11:02 a.m. at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

President Long announced a quorum was present.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Bill Long	Curtis Mitchell	Ann Nichols
Gibson Hazard	Kevin Karney	Tom Goodwin
Howard "Bub" Miller	Dallas May	Greg Felt
Seth Clayton	Alan Hamel	

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Carl McClure and Mark Pifher

DISTRICT OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

VISITORS PRESENT:

Judy Leonard, Pueblo West Metropolitan District; Brenda May; and Marcheta Goodwin.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:

President Long welcomed the visitors to the meeting, and asked them to introduce themselves and identify the organization they represented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long said the minutes of the November 9, 2017 Board meeting were posted to the Board website for review, and if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mr. Clayton moved, seconded by Mr. Felt, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

None

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CONSENT ITEMS:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

2018 PROPOSED BUDGET AND RESOLUTION APPROVAL

Leann Noga reported the Board received the 2018 Proposed Budget on October 13, 2017. The 2018 Proposed Budget was presented to the Board of Directors and the general public at the November 19, 2017 Public Hearing. Since the November Public Hearing there has been no changes to the 2018 Proposed Budget.

Mr. Goodwin moved, seconded by Mr. Hamel, the Board approve Resolution and Order No. 2017-02DF for the adoption of the 2018 Proposed Budget as presented, and authorize the Budget Officer to make any necessary adjustments to the stated mill levies and proposed budgeted amounts by December 15, 2017. Final assessed valuation figures are anticipated to be received from the counties by December 10, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Mrs. Noga provided the Board with an explanation of the Specific Ownership Tax, reporting it is economically driven, and that in 2017 the budgeted amount was exceeded.

The Board members were provided the December 7, 2017 version of the 2018 Proposed Budget.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY

President Long reported due to the resignation of Vera Ortegon, who was serving as the Secretary of the Board of Directors, an election for that office is required to serve as Secretary for the remainder of the term. President Long asked for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Karney nominated Gib Hazard. President Long asked if there were any other nominations, hearing none, closed the nominations.

Mr. Karney moved, seconded by Mr. Hamel, to appoint Mr. Hazard to serve as Secretary for the remainder of Mrs. Ortegon's term. Motion unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

None

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY REPORTS:

U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Roy Vaughan provided a written report reviewing the following:

- As of December 3, 2017 there were 231,254 acre-feet stored in Pueblo Reservoir; 134,392 acre-feet of Project water; 52,852 acre-feet of Excess Capacity water; 244,007 acre-feet of Winter water.
- There is currently 110,981 acre-feet of Project space in Pueblo Reservoir and 37,481 acre-feet of space in Turquoise and Twin Lakes Reservoirs.
- Charts illustrating storage amounts in Turquoise, Pueblo, and Twin Lakes.
- Total M&I Project Water in the System

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- Project Reservoirs: Turquoise 100%; Twin Lakes 94%; Pueblo 128%
- Turquoise Reservoir Total Capacity
- Twin Lakes Reservoir Capacity

DIVISION ENGINEER'S REPORT

None

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

None

STATE LEGISLATION UPDATE

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

- Water Court Resume
- Holiday Luncheon
- Four States Irrigation Council Annual Meeting – January 11-12 – Fort Collins
- Colorado Water Congress Convention – January 24-26, 2018 – Denver
- DARCA Convention – February – Pueblo
- Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference – February 22-23 – Reno
- 2018 Annual Meeting Calendar

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the meeting, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Gonzales
Administrative Manager

Secretary

