SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE MINUTES March 20, 2025

President Long called to order the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (Enterprise) Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 10:37 at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo,

Attendance:

Board Members Present:

Alan Hamel	Greg Felt	Pat Edelmann
Andy Colosimo	Howard "Bub" Miller	Seth Clayton
Ann Nichols	Justin DiSanti	Tom Goodwin
Bill Long	Kevin Karney	
Dallas May	Matt Heimerich	

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Curtis Mitchell

NEW DIRECTORS SWORN IN:

Abby Ortega, and Mike Bartolo

DISTRICT OFFICIALS:

Executive Director Leann Noga; Legal Counsel, Lee Miller' Staff Attorney Peter Levish; Senior Policy and Issues Manager Chris Woodka; Engineering Manager Gordon Dillon; Administrative Support Specialist Margie Medina and Patty Rivas; Finance Manager Stephanie Shipley; H2O Consultant, Roy Vaughan; Burns, Figa & Will, April Hendricks and Pete Jaacks.

PRESENT VISITORS:

Aurora Water, Abba Ahmed; USBR, Mike Holmberg; USGS, Andrew Klakulak and Krystal Brown; Division of Water Resources, Jason Ullmann and Rachel Zancanella; Hydro Source Inc, Gary Barber and Sean Flannigan; and Summitt Economics, Tom Binnings.

VISITORS CONNECTED VIA ZOOM:

Wilson Water Group, Mitch Frischmeyer.

CONSENT ITEMS- MINUTES:

Mr. Goodwin moved, seconded by Mr. Felt, to approve the Minutes from March 20, 2025. Enterprise Board Meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

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INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

- Arkansas Valley Conduit Newsletter
- JWBHP Update
- Excess Capacity Master Contract Update
- Federal Legislation Update
- Other Business Matters

President Long adjourned the Enterprise Board Meeting @ 10:40 a.m. and reconvened the District Board Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Lee Miller announced a request has been made for the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District to enter Executive Session for the purpose of:

Discussion with legal counsel on the following matter:

Auora Water Purchase

Pursuant to:

□ **C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b):** (Conferences with an attorney for the local public body for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions)

□ **C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e)**: (Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators)

The presence of the following persons is requested at this Executive Session:

- 1. Non-Excused Board members, including former Board member Bub Miller (state for the record any who are excused)
- 2. Executive Director
- 3. Staff Attorney
- 4. Outside Special Legal Counsel
- 5. Senior Policy and Issues Manager
- 6. Consultants from Summit Economics and Hydrosource, Inc. (Tom Binning, Sean Flanagan and Gary Barber)
- 7. [Minute taker]

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MINUTES WILL BE ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED AS REQUIRED BY THE COLORADO OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Mr. Clayton moved, seconded by Mr. Hamel, that the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District will enter into Executive Session at 10:42 a.m. The vote was unanimous.

At 1:21 p.m. coming out of Executive session, Mr. Lee Miller advised that there was discussion with legal counsel instructing, and that no action was needed for Executive Session Item:

Aurora Water Purchase

President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the District Board, hearing no other matters, Mr. Long adjourned the District meeting at 1:23 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Patty Rivas Administrative Support Specialist

Seth Clayton – Secretary

Bill Long – President

Curtis Mitchell – Vice President

Ann Nichols- Treasurer

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