

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

MINUTES

November 19, 2020

A virtual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) was held on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 9:35 a.m. via ZOOM.

President Bill Long welcomed all in attendance to the virtual meeting. Mr. Long asked Margie Medina to do a roll call. Mr. long established that a Quorum was present.

DIRECTORS CONNECTED:

Alan Hamel	Curtis Mitchell	Patrick Garcia
Andrew Colosimo	Howard "Bub" Miller	Seth Clayton
Ann Nichols	Kevin Karney	Tom Goodwin
Bill Long	Mark Pifher	
Carl McClure	Pat Edelmann	

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Dallas May, and Greg Felt

DISTRICT 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; Administrative Manager Toni Gonzales; Finance Manager Leann Noga; Administrative Support Specialist Margie Medina; Accountant Stephanie Shipley; Accounting Specialist Lynette Holt; Administrative Support Associate Patty Rivas; Christine Arbogast, Kogosovek & Associates.

VISITORS CONNECTED:

Jenny Bishop, Colorado Springs Utilities; Kevin Salter, State of Kansas Department of Agriculture; Jeffery DeHerrera, Pueblo West Metro District; Mark Scott, Providence Infrastructure Consultants; Rick Kienitz and Abba Mohammed, City of Aurora; Brandon Bernard, Widefield Water & Sanitation; Curtis Thompson, AECOM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long said the minutes of the October 15, 2020 Board meeting were posted to the Board website for review and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mr. Garcia moved, seconded by Mr. Hamel to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

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TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer Nichols reported the financial statements for October 2020, were posted to the Board website for review. Ms. Nichols moved, seconded by Mr. Edelman for acceptance of the October 2020 financial statements and payment of the November 2020 bills. Motion unanimously carried.

PRESENTATION ITEM:

Mr. Broderick gave the Board an update on communications with The Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) area office. The projects that were discussed were the Fry-Ark Project and its capital improvement plans, the recovery of storage that is being put into place. The third discussion topic was the asset recovery plan.

2021 PROPOSED PUBLIC HEARING

President Long convened the Public Hearing on the 2021 Proposed Budget at 9:45 a.m. The Enterprise meeting was called to order to be held in conjunction with the District meeting for the Public Hearing.

Leann Noga advised that the presentation process this year was going to be a bit different from years past and went over the basic structure first.

Leann Noga presented a PowerPoint presentation titled, *2021 Proposed Budget Public Hearing*, reviewing the following:

- Budget Method
- SECWCD Funds
- 2021 Mill Levy Tax Returns
- 2021 Fry-Ark Project Budget
- Fry-Ark Project 2020 Vs 2021 Budgets
- 2021 District Operations
- 2021 District operations Recurring Capital
- District Operation Vs 2021 Budgets
- District General Funds Estimated Fund Balance
- SECWAE funds
- 2021 Water Storage Rate
- 2021 Enterprise Operations to include the Enlargement & Excess Capacity Project Budget
- 2021 Enterprise Operation Capital
- Enterprise Operation 2020 Vs 2021 Budgets
- 2021 Arkansas Valley Conduit
- 2021 Hydroelectric Power
- Enterprise Operations Estimated Fund Balance
- District General Fund 2021 Budget Resolution
- Enterprise Proprietary Fund 2021 Budget Resolutions
- Enterprise 2021 Water & Storage Rate Resolution

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Mr. Miller was then called on to review Proposition 117's effect on the Enterprise portion of the District. Mr. Miller read a memo that was provided by Mr. Stephan Leonhardt of Burns Figa & Will, that stated in short that: 117 will not apply to Enterprises that are created by Water Conservancies such as ours.

In addition, Mr. Woodka then provided a PowerPoint titled *Action Plan for Programs and Projects in 2021, reviewing the following:*

- Pueblo Dam Contraction Joints
- Fryingpan-Arkansas Project OM&R
- District Operations
- Water Rights Protection
- Feature & Asset Valuation
- Recovery of Storage
- Enterprise Operations
- Enterprise Recurring Capital & Capital
- Arkansas Valley Conduit
- Hydroelectric Power

President Long recessed the Enterprise meeting at 10:19 a.m.

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY REPORTS:

U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION REPORT

Roy Vaughan provided a written report reviewing the following:

As of November 12, 2020

- There were 177,942 acre-feet stored in Pueblo Reservoir; 133,631 acre-feet of Project water; 43,043 acre-feet of Excess Capacity water; 2,941 acre-feet of Winter water
- There is currently 114,742 acre-feet of Project space in Pueblo Reservoir and 34,154 acre-feet of space in Turquoise and Twin Lakes Reservoirs
- Charts illustrating storage amounts in Turquoise, Twin Lakes, and Pueblo Reservoir
- Project Reservoirs: Turquoise 86%, Twin Lakes 93%, Pueblo 112% as of November 12, 2020
- First Use Project + PCO Municipal Water
- Total M&I PW in the system is 128,925 as of October 31, 2020

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT

Krystal Brown provided a written report titled, Purgatoire River Streamflow Conditions. Charts on the following locations were included:

- Purgatoire River at Madrid, Co
- Purgatoire River blw Trinidad Lake
- Purgatoire River nr Thatcher, CO
- Purgatoire River at Rock Crossing
- Purgatoire River nr Las Animas, CO

