

# **RESOURCE AND ENGINEERING PLANNING COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES**

**May 2, 2019**

A meeting of the Resource and Engineering Planning Committee was held on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the District Office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

Chairman Mitchell announced a quorum was present.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Curtis Mitchell – Chairman, Andy Colosimo, Tom Goodwin, and Jim Broderick

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:**

Seth Clayton – Vice-Chairman

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Bill Long, Mark Pifher, and Alan Hamel, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) Board; Lee Miller, Garrett Markus, Kevin Meador, Leann Noga, and Chris Woodka, District staff.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairman Mitchell asked for approval of the April 4, 2019 minutes, and if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Andy Colosimo moved, second by Jim Broderick to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **JAMES W. BRODERICK HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY UPDATE**

Kevin Meador told the Committee the Hydro Plant testing will begin May 8, 2019, and should be complete by May 15, 2019. The testing period originally would have taken two weeks, but can be compressed into fewer days because flows are higher. Mr. Colosimo asked if that would reduce the amount of Project water needed to augment flows, and Mr. Meador confirmed that this would be the case.

Black Hills Energy has equipment needed to receive power from the Hydro Plant in place, and will complete testing by Tuesday, May 7, 2019, according to the latest discussions.

Mr. Meador said it is critical there are no further delays because Mountain States and its subcontractors are ready to move on to other projects.

The Committee agreed the Board preview of the plant will be immediately after the May 16 Board meeting and lunch.

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Planning has begun for the formal dedication of the plant. Mr. Broderick explained that we are checking the availability of Reclamation Commissioner Brenda Burman and congressional representatives in order to set a date. The date would likely be in August, when Congress is in recess, or later. Mr. Meador and Chris Woodka are heading up the planning effort, and will work with District staff, the City of Fountain, Fort Carson, Mountain States, and others to plan the dedication ceremony and related activities.

Mr. Broderick said the Hydro Plant will begin operating, and generating revenue prior to the dedication.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

None

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

None

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

**ADJOURN**

Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Woodka

Senior Policy and Issues Manager