A virtual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) was held on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. via ZOOM.

President Bill Long welcomed all in attendance to the virtual meeting. Mr. Long asked Leann Noga to do a role call. Mr. Long established that a Quorum was present.

DIRECTORS CONNECTED:  
Alan Hamel  
Andrew Colosimo  
Ann Nichols  
Bill Long  
Carl McClure  
Curtis Mitchell  
Kevin Karney  
Mark Pifher  
Pat Edelmann  
Patrick Garcia  
Seth Clayton  
Tom Goodwin  

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:  
Dallas May, Howard “Bub” Miller, 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; Finance Manager Leann Noga; Administrative Manager Toni Gonzales; Administrative Support Specialist Margie Medina; Accounting Specialist Stephanie Shipley; Administrative Support Associate Patty Rivas; Stephen Leonhardt, Burns Figa & Will.

VISITORS CONNECTED:  
Jenny Bishop, Colorado Springs Utilities; Brandon Bernard, Widefield Water & Sanitation; Rachel Duran and Kevin Salter, State of Kansas Department of Agriculture; Cathy Garcia, Senator Cory Gardner’s Office; Kim Swearingon and Jeffery DeHerrara, Pueblo West Metro District; Jerry Pena, Kennedy Jenks; Mark Scott, Providence Infrastructure; Curtis Thompson, AECOM; Brett Gracely, LRE Water; Bill Tyner, Division Engineers Office; Isreal Ortega, City of Aurora.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
President Long said the minutes of the July 15, 2020 Board meeting were posted to the Board website for review and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mr. Karney moved, seconded by Mr. Hamel to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.
TREASURER REPORT:
Treasurer Nichols reported the financial statements for July and August 2020, were posted to the Board website for review. Ms. Nichols moved, seconded by Mr. Clayton for acceptance of the July and August 2020 financial statements and payment of the August 2020 bills. Motion unanimously carried.

ACTION ITEMS
APPOINTMENT OF BUDGET OFFICER
Mrs. Noga presented an action item to move that the District Board of Directors appoint the Finance Manager Leann Noga, as the Budget Officer for the 2021 District budget preparation.

Mr. Pifher moved, seconded by Mrs. Nichols the Board of Directors appoint the Finance Manager Leann Noga, for the Budget Officer for 2021 District Budget preparation. Motion Unanimously carried.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2021 PROPOSED BUDGET
Mrs. Noga presented an action item to recommend that the District Board of Directors set November 19, 2020 at 9:45 a.m. for the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District to hold the Public Hearing of the 2021 Proposed Budget. A copy of the Draft letter to the newspapers as well as a draft notice of the 2021 Proposed Budget was provided to the Board.

Mr. Hamel moved, seconded by Mr. Goodwin, that the Board of Directors set November 19, 2020 at 9:45 a.m. for the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District to hold the Public Hearing of the 2021 Proposed Budget. Motion Unanimously carried.

INCLUSION OF LAND ANNEXED BY COLORADO SPRINGS
Mr. Markus presented an action item that the Resource and Engineering Planning Committee recommends the Board approve the inclusion of Banning Lewis Ranch North by Colorado Springs into the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) with the standard terms and conditions (shown below). Once approved by the Board of Directors, staff will send the annexation to Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) for assent. The District will submit the inclusion to the District Court for final decree.

There are three methods of including lands into the District:
1. Annexation by a town or city located in the District.
2. Petition of the property owners.
3. Vote of the property owners.

All three of these methods require assent from the Secretary of Interior, for which Reclamation requires a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review of the lands to be included in the District boundaries. Once the Board approves the inclusion by Resolution, then Secretarial Assent by Reclamation is requested. The inclusion is submitted to the District Court for a decree including the lands within the District. The Application of Assent has been submitted to the District and will be forwarded to Reclamation for the property.
The Resolution for Inclusion is:

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I move that the Committee recommend the Board approve, by Resolution, the inclusion of the Lighthouse Baptist Church Addition No. 1 annexed by Colorado Springs subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Approval of these inclusions into the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District will not increase the amount of Fryingpan-Arkansas Project water available to the city. Any Fryingpan-Arkansas Project water used on these included lands will need to come from the water allocated to the city through Fryingpan-Arkansas Project water allocations made pursuant to the District’s Allocation Principles and Policies; and

2. Any use of Fryingpan-Arkansas Project water on the included lands is subject to the decrees for the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project, and to all lawful rules, regulations, principles, policies, and contractual obligations of the District; and

3. The annexed lands will be subject to ad valorem taxes levied by the District as any other similarly situated lands in the District at the time of this inclusion; and

4. Prior to the District filing a petition for District Court approval of this inclusion, the Municipality, and/or owner(s) of the annexed lands shall have paid all the costs charged by the United States in connection with the contracting officer’s assent to this inclusion.

Mr. Pifher moved, seconded by Mr. Garcia, that the District Board of Directors approve by Resolution, the inclusion of the Lighthouse Baptist Church Addition No. 1 annexed by Colorado Springs. Motion Unanimously carried.

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY REPORTS:
U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION REPORT
Roy Vaughan provided a written report reviewing the following:
As of September 9, 2020

- There were 182,950 acre-feet stored in Pueblo Reservoir; 133,809 acre-feet of Project water; 44,736 acre-feet of Excess Capacity water; 3,468 acre-feet of Winter water
- There is currently 111,564 acre-feet of Project space in Pueblo Reservoir and 32,409 acre-feet of space in Turquoise and Twin Lakes Reservoirs
- Charts illustrating storage amounts in Turquoise, Twin Lakes, and Pueblo Reservoir
- Project Reservoirs: Turquoise 91%, Twin Lakes 88%, Pueblo 112% as of September 9, 2020
- First Use Project + PCO Municipal Water
- Total M&I PW in the system is 131,117 as of August 30, 2020
- Boustead Stored Cumulative Imports for 2020
DIVISION ENGINEER’S REPORT

Mr. Tyner provided a written report titled, *Importance of Fryingpan-Arkansas Project Water and the Winter Water Storage Program to Agricultural Interests in the Arkansas Basin.*

The long hot summer of 2020 serves to illustrate how vitally important supplemental water supplies are to the largest mainstem ditches along the Arkansas River between Pueblo Reservoir and John Martin Reservoir. The ditches I focused on included the Bessemer Ditch, Highline Canal, Oxford Ditch, Fort Lyon Canal, Otero Canal, Catlin Canal, Holbrook Canal and Las Animas Consolidated Canal. The graphs and data in this report were compiled from preliminary diversion record data for March 2020 through August 2020. The graphs illustrate the time of year where the critical supplemental supplies are used to augment lower river flows when those flows are insufficient to supply all of the irrigation demands for the ditches.

Project water as a supplemental supply during 2020 ranged from 4% of total supply through August (Catlin Canal) to 34% of total supply (Otero Canal). Project water represented 11% of the weighted average for supply to all of the ditches summarized in this report.

With respect to water stored under the Pueblo Winter Water Storage Program in Pueblo Reservoir or in participating Off-Channel Reservoirs, the supplemental percentage ranged from 11% of ditch supply (Oxford Ditch) to 54% of ditch supply (Holbrook Canal). Winter Water represented 20% of the weighted average supply for all of the ditches.
## RECORD OF PROCEEDING

### Holbrook Canal Diversions

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### Composite of All Canal Diversions

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Project - Winter % 32%
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT
Krystal Brown provided a written report titled, *Current Arkansas River Streamflow Conditions.*
- Historical Perspectives on:
  1. Arkansas River nr Nathrop, CO
  2. Arkansas River at Parkdale, CO
  3. Arkansas River nr Avondale CO
  4. Arkansas River at Las Animas, CO
  5. Arkansas River nr Coolidge, KS

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
The Board was provided written material on the following topics, which were posted to the Board website:
- Water Court Resume
- 2021 Budget Calendar
- Special Water Counsel Legal Report
- Board Meeting Management Software - OnBoard
- NWRA Virtual Western Water Table Talk Series

President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the Board, Jim Broderick advised that CRWUA has been cancelled for this year. Bill Long advised that in a conversation with Jim Broderick, it was agreed upon that the Board should assume that the rest of the 2020 Board Meetings will be held via ZOOM. President Long adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Rivas
Administrative Support Associate

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