

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE**

MINUTES

March 15, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (Enterprise) was held on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 11:58 a.m., at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

President Long announced a quorum was present.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Bill Long	Ann Nichols	Curtis Mitchell
Gibson Hazard	Kevin Karney	Carl McClure
Howard "Bub" Miller	Tom Goodwin	Greg Felt
Mark Pifher	Alan Hamel	Seth Clayton
Andy Colosimo		

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Dallas May

ENTERPRISE OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

VISITORS PRESENT:

Scott Lorenz, Colorado Springs-Utilities; Doug Fitzgerald, U.S. Congressman Scott Tipton's office; Cathy Garcia, U.S. Senator Cory Gardner's office; Roy Vaughan and Shane Hayden, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Jerry Peña, GEI Consultants; Mark Scott, GHD; Judy Leonard, Pueblo West Metropolitan District; Bob Hamilton, citizen; Kevin Niles, Arkansas Groundwater Users Association; Jack Goble, Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District; Tom Simpson, Aurora Water; Bill Banks, U.S. Geological Survey; and Bill Tyner, Colorado Division of Water Resources.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long said the minutes of the February 15, 2018 Board meeting were posted to the Board website for review, and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mr. Pifher moved, seconded by Mr. Karney, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Treasurer Nichols reported the financial statements for February 2018 were posted to the Board website for review. Treasurer Nichols moved, seconded by Mr. Clayton, for acceptance of the February 2018 financial statements and payment of the March 2018 bills. Motion unanimously carried.

CONSENT ITEMS:

None

PRESENTATIONS:

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Christine Arbogast reported Congress is working on finishing the FY '18 omnibus appropriations bill.

We are working with the congressional delegation to remedy the zeroing out of the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the administration's FY '19 budget request. They have been in touch with DOI, and are asking questions in budget hearings.

Infrastructure still under discussion and how to pay for it is the issue. Could be broken up into chunks and water could go into WRDA.

Forest health issues are top priority and more so with drought.

There is a pending rider on Waters of the United States, but it is unlikely it will make it into the omnibus.

PUEBLO DAM HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT UPDATE

Kevin Meador reported construction of the Pueblo Dam Hydroelectric Project continues on schedule for a mid-2018 start-up. Mr. Meador provided the Board a copy of the Project Status Report showing the major tasks timeline along with a PowerPoint reviewing the following:

- Pictures of the Construction Project

AVC UPDATE

Chris Woodka presented a PowerPoint reviewing the following:

- AVC New Concept Technical and Costing Evaluation Report
- Reclamation Evaluation of Report
- Enforcement Actions
- Funding Update
- Participants Meeting

ACTION ITEMS:

None

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INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

- AVC and Excess Capacity Master Contract Update

OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS:

President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the meeting, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Gonzales
Administrative Manager

Secretary

