

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO
WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE
MINUTES
November 16, 2023**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (Enterprise) was held on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado. President Long called to order the Enterprise meeting at 9:35 to be held in conjunction with the District meeting for a presentation item. Following the joint presentation item with the District, President Long recessed the Enterprise meeting at 10:04 a.m. President Long reconvened the Enterprise meeting at 12:07 p.m. The ZOOM platform was also made available for Board members and visitors.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Alan Hamel	Howard "Bub" Miller (remote)	Patrick Garcia
Andy Colosimo	Kevin Karney	Seth Clayton
Ann Nichols	Mark Pifher	Tom Goodwin
Bill Long	Matt Heimerich (remote)	
Curtis Mitchell	Pat Edelmann	

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Dallas May, and Greg Felt.

President Long established that a Quorum was present.

DISTRICT OFFICIALS:

Executive Director James Broderick; Staff Attorney Peter Levish; Principal Engineer Kevin Meador(remote); Senior Policy and Issues Manager Chris Woodka; Water Resources Principal Engineer Garrett Markus; Director of Administration and Finance Leann Noga; Administrative Support Specialist's Margie Medina and Patty Rivas (remote); Finance Manager Stephanie Shipley; Christine Arbogast, Kogovsek and Associates; Roy Vaughan, H2O Consultants; and Gordon Dillon, Kleinfelder.

VISITORS PRESENT:

Andrew Klakulak, and Krystal Brown, USGS; Jerry Pena, Kennedy Jenks; Joseph Stadterman, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Rick Kienitz Aurora Water; Mike Holmberg, USBR; Rachel Zancanella, Division Engineers Office.

VISITORS CONNECTED VIA ZOOM:

Curtis Thompson AECOM; Lisa Windham and Scott Lorenz, Colorado Springs Utilities; Lisa Wade, Wilson Water Group; Noah Friesen, Division Engineers Office; and Roy Heald Security Water & Sanitation District.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long said the minutes of the October 19, 2023, Enterprise Board meetings were posted to OnBoard and the website for review and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mr. Garcia moved, seconded by Mr. Karney to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Ms. Nichols reported the financial statements for October 2023, were posted to OnBoard and the Board website for review. Ms. Nichols moved, seconded by Mr. Clayton, for acceptance of the October 2023 financial statements and payment of the November 2023 bills. Motion unanimously carried.

PRESENTATION ITEM:

Ms. Arbogast updated the Board with: The continuing resolution passed with strong bipartisan support avoiding a government shutdown, taking funding over to FY '24.

The House and Senate may negotiate non-controversial bills like Energy and Water where Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) money is. Their appropriation is solid at just under \$2 billion.

The worst scenario is for state revolving funds which the House has essentially gutted, additionally earmarking has eroded the baseline funding. We are working hard to remedy it, the best solution is to eliminate earmarking.

House has awarded Forest Service an increase of almost \$1 billion and dedicated to wildfire remediation.

CR also includes the extension of Farm Bill to Sept. 30.

May be an omnibus resources bill that includes funding to Reclamation for invasive species and the endangered fish recovery programs.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

- AVC Update
- JWBHP Update
- Excess Capacity Master Contract Update

President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the Enterprise Board, hearing no other matters Mr. Long adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Patty Rivas
Administrative Support Specialist

Seth Clayton – Secretary

Bill Long – President

Howard “Bub” Miller

Curtis Mitchell – Vice President

Kevin Karney

Ann Nichols – Treasurer

Mark Pifher

Alan Hamel

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