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**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER  
ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE**

**MINUTES**

**March 18, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (SECWAE) was held on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 9:40 a.m., at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

President Long announced a quorum was present.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Bill Long	Harold Miskel	Ann Nichols
Scott Reed	Gibson Hazard	Greg Johnson
Lissa Pinello	Howard "Bub" Miller	Carl McClure
Kevin Karney	Vera Ortegón	Shawn Yoxey
Gary Bostrom	Reed Dils	David Simpson
Alan Hamel-Advisory Board Member		

**DIRECTORS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:**

None

**ENTERPRISE OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Executive Director James Broderick; Administrative Manager Toni Gonzales; Projects Manager Phil Reynolds; Director of Engineering and Resource Management Bob Hamilton; Engineering Support Specialist Margie Medina; Conservation Outreach Coordinator Jean Van Pelt; Legal Counsel Steve Leonhardt and Lee Miller; and Federal Lobbyist Ray Kogovsek and Christine Arbogast.

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

Roy Vaughan, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Chris Woodka, The Pueblo Chieftain; Dan Kugler and Bill Stoner, Black & Veatch; Bob Hartzman, City of Cañon City; Bill Hower, Beulah Water District; Shirley Klipfel; Dwight Gardner, Senator Bennet's office; Mark Carmel, Merrick & Co.; Pat Edelmann, U.S. Geological Survey; Keith Goodwin and Jim Sandoval, Otero County; Tom Simpson, Aurora Water; Joe Rall, Congressman Lamborn's office; Roy Heald, Security Water District and Fountain Valley Authority; Steve Howell, Ninyo & Moore; Bob Torres and Jill Crockett, Jacobs Engineering; Bill Van Dever, MWH; Steve Witte and Rob Phillips, Division of Water Resources-Division 2; and Ken Weber.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

President Long asked if the members of the Board had received their copy of the minutes of February 18, 2010 and whether there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mrs. Ortegón moved, seconded by Howard Miller, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

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**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Treasurer Ann Nichols reported the financial statements for December 2009 and January 2010 were posted to the Board website for review. Treasurer Nichols moved for acceptance of the December 2009 and January 2010 financial statements and payment of the March bills. Mr. Hazard seconded the motion, the motion unanimously carried. Treasurer Nichols reported that staff is in the process of completing the financial report for February.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**FEDERAL LEGISLATION**

Arkansas Valley Conduit

Mrs. Arbogast reported Congress is well into the appropriations process for FY 2011 and Southeastern is seeking a total of \$8 million for the Arkansas Valley Conduit. There is \$3 million already in the Administration's budget request for FY 2011. Phil Reynolds and Jean Van Pelt of the District staff have prepared an additional \$5 million request and submitted it to our two Senators and Congresswoman Markey and Congressman Salazar. The Congressional delegation is supporting this request and have made the Conduit project a top priority as their request deadline approaches. Mrs. Arbogast said they will continue with their lobbying activities throughout this spring.

It is unknown what direction appropriations will take this election year, with so many very controversial items before the Congress. There could be a continuing resolution, an omnibus measure or mini-omnibus measure. It is too early in the process to know with certainty.

Wilderness

We are monitoring various wilderness proposals. Congresswoman DeGette's bill will have a hearing, but it is unlikely to move because of opposition from various interests. The DeGette bill's provisions do not affect the Fry-Ark as directly as the proposed Hidden Gems bill. However, our lobbyist have been assured that the Hidden Gems bill is not moving forward. If it should gain traction unexpectedly, the District will propose amendments protecting Fry-Ark facilities.

Aurora Legislation

No legislation has been introduced on the Aurora/Lower Arkansas settlement, although parties are having discussions with members of the delegation.

**ARKANSAS VALLEY CONDUIT STAG UPDATE**

Dan Kugler reported the STAG work is on schedule. The financial model has been updated and project invoicing is 79 percent complete as of February 28. The consultants have completed their work and a draft of the report is being compiled over the next week. It will be forwarded to the District for its review before the end of March.

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

The Board was provided written reports on the following, which were posted on the Board website:

- Excess Capacity
- Arkansas Valley Conduit STAG January Monthly Report

**OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS:**

None

President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the meeting, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Gonzales  
Administrative Manager

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Secretary

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