
RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE**

MINUTES

January 21, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (SECWAE) was held on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 9:39 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
Reed Dils	Scott Reed	Greg Johnson
Lissa Pinello	Howard "Bub" Miller	Carl McClure
Kevin Karney	Vera Ortegón	Shawn Yoxey
Gary Bostrom	David Simpson	

DIRECTORS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Gibson Hazard and Alan Hamel-Advisory Board Member.

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; Legal Counsel Steve Leonhardt and Lee Miller; and Federal Lobbyists Ray Kogovsek and Christine Arbogast.

VISITORS PRESENT:

Roy Vaughan, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Chris Woodka, The Pueblo Chieftain; Pat Edelman, U. S. Geological Survey; Steve Witte, Colorado Division of Water Resources-Division 2; Kevin Meador and Dan Kugler, Black & Veatch; Bob Hartzman, City of Cañon City; Roy Heald, Security Water District and Fountain Valley Authority; Abby Ortega, Colorado Springs Utilities; Gloria Gutierrez, U.S. Senator Mark Udall; Bill Hower, Beulah Water District; Shirley Klipfel; Tony Keenan, Arkansas River Outfitters Association; Mark Carmel, Merrick & Co.; Curtis Mitchell, City of Fountain; Rick Kienitz and Tom Simpson, Aurora Water; Bill VanDerveer and Jerry Peña, MWH; and Ken Weber.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long asked if the members of the Board had received their copy of the minutes of December 3, 2009, and whether there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mrs. Ortegón moved, seconded by Mrs. Pinello, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer Ann Nichols reported that the financial report for the month of November for the Enterprise was mailed to the Board and moved for the acceptance of the financial report for November 2009 and payment of the January 2010 bills for the Enterprise, seconded by Mrs. Yoxey. Motion unanimously carried.

Treasurer Nichols said the December financial report will be available at the February meeting for acceptance.

CONSENT ITEMS:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

None

PRESENTATION:

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Arkansas Valley Conduit

Christine Arbogast reported Congress has been in recess since just before the holidays and just returned this week.

They are working on non-controversial items, which can be placed on the "suspension calendar" for passage in the House. In addition, both the House and Senate will be spending the next week or so determining how to move forward in this election year with health care, financial reform, energy and climate change, and the appropriations process.

The year will "officially" begin with the President's State of the Union address on January 27, and the President's budget will be released on February 1.

At that time, we will know what level of funding is included for the Arkansas Valley Conduit. That proposed spending figure will then determine how we move forward through the appropriations process.

It is hoped that the amount proposed will be \$14 million. If it is less, we will need to request additional funding through our two Senators and Congresspersons Salazar and Markey. The House requests for additional funds will be due by February 26 and so preparations will begin for that possible scenario during the next several weeks.

Oberstar Clean Water Restoration Act

The District's Federal lobbyists will continue to monitor activity on the proposed Clean Water Restoration Act. The Senate bill is still not anticipated for floor action anytime soon, and the House bill has yet to be introduced. The District's Federal lobbyists have been in regular contact with Congresswoman Markey's office, because she is a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee through which the bill will move. She has made her concerns known to Chairman Oberstar and they have promised to keep her "in the loop" as they proceed with

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drafting of a bill. She and Congressman Salazar share views about the need to protect rural and agricultural interests in the process.

Aurora Legislation

Mrs. Arbogast said she will also continue to monitor discussions and appropriately respond regarding the Aurora/Lower Arkansas Settlement and potential legislation, and a possible bill on repayment of debt on the Ruedi Reservoir by the Colorado River Water Conservation District.

ARKANSAS VALLEY CONDUIT STAG UPDATE

Phil Reynolds provided an Arkansas Valley Conduit (AVC) State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) update. He provided a copy of a report that summarized the progress of the AVC STAG Project through December 31, 2009.

Mr. Reynolds reported Reclamation will begin the NEPA process in April 2010.

There have been community meetings that have been well attended. Also, there have been meetings with Board of Water Works of Pueblo and Bessemer Ditch Board members, discussing alternative alignment for the conduit.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

- Excess Capacity
- Legal Matters

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 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Gonzales
Administrative Manager

Secretary

