
RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE**

MINUTES

February 18, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (SECWAE) was held on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 9:35 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	Gibson Hazard	Greg Johnson
Lissa Pinello	Howard "Bub" Miller	Carl McClure
Kevin Karney	Vera Ortegón	Shawn Yoxey
Gary Bostrom		
Alan Hamel-Advisory Board Member		

DIRECTORS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Scott Reed and David Simpson.

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 Lobbyist Ray Kogovsek.

VISITORS PRESENT:

Roy Vaughan, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Chris Woodka, The Pueblo Chieftain; Kevin Meador, Black & Veatch; Bob Hartzman, City of Cañon City; Roy Heald, Security Water District and Fountain Valley Authority; Bill Hower, Beulah Water District; Shirley Klipfel; Tony Keenan, Arkansas River Outfitters Association; Jennifer Gimbel, Colorado Water Conservation Board; Curt Miller, LPI/Stantec; Dwight Gardner, Senator Bennet's office; Scott Lorenz, AGUA; and Ken Weber.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long asked if the members of the Board had received their copy of the minutes of January 21, 2010 and whether there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Howard Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer Ann Nichols reported that the holdup in providing the financial statements for December 2009 and January 2010, is staff has been working on the process of understanding how to calculate the unrealized gain/loss for the investments, which is a component needed to complete the financial statements.

Treasurer Nichols reported that the financial reports for the months of December, January, and February for the Enterprise will be provided at the March Board meeting for acceptance. Miss Nichols moved for the payment of the February 2010 bills for the Enterprise, seconded by Mrs. Ortegón. Motion unanimously carried.

CONSENT ITEMS:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

None

PRESENTATIONS:

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Arkansas Valley Conduit

Mr. Broderick reported the FY 2011 appropriations process with preliminary discussions with congressional staff following the release of the Administration's budget at the beginning of the month has begun. It was hoped for a number as high as \$14 million in the budget request. However, \$3 million was included, based on our list of proposed activities which included acquisition of rights-of-way. This step cannot take place pre-completion of the NEPA process and a record of decision.

District staff is interfacing with the Bureau of Reclamation on activities which can occur pre-completion of NEPA, and the appropriations request to the delegation will reflect those discussions. At this time, it appears the District will be asking for additional funding of approximately \$5 million to perform pre-design functions up to a certain level.

The delegation's staff was very responsive to the need for additional funding, and are awaiting receipt of the District's official requests for the Arkansas Valley Conduit, which will be done in the near future.

Aurora Legislation

Mr. Broderick said work is continuing with the delegation regarding possible legislation on the Aurora/Lower Arkansas settlement, but to date there is no pending legislation.

ARKANSAS VALLEY CONDUIT STAG UPDATE

Kevin Meador reported the STAG work is on schedule to wrap up in late March. He said the baseline engineering data will be used for the NEPA process.

He said he has been working on the water supply needs analysis.

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

- Excess Capacity

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 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Gonzales
Administrative Manager

Secretary
