

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE
MINUTES**

January 21, 2021

A virtual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (Enterprise) was held on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 10:07 a.m., via ZOOM.

President Bill Long welcomed all in attendance to the virtual meeting. Mr. Long asked Patty Rivas to do a roll call. Mr. Long established that a quorum was present.

DIRECTORS CONNECTED:

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| Alan Hamel | Curtis Mitchell | Patrick Garcia |
| Andrew Colosimo | Howard “Bub” Miller | Seth Clayton |
| Ann Nichols | Kevin Karney | Tom Goodwin |
| Bill Long | Mark Pifher | Greg Felt |
| Carl McClure | Pat Edelman | |

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

None

ENTERPRISE OFFICIALS CONNECTED:

Executive Director James Broderick; General Counsel Lee Miller; Principal Engineer Kevin Meador; Senior Policy and Issues Manager Chris Woodka; Water Resource Engineer Garrett Markus; Administrative Manager Toni Gonzales; Finance Manager Leann Noga; Administrative Support Specialist Margie Medina; and Administrative Support Associate Patty Rivas; and Federal Lobbyist Christine Arbogast, Kogosovek & Associates.

VISITORS CONNECTED:

Abba Mohammed and Rick Kieniz, Aurora Water; Jenny Bishop, Colorado Springs Utilities; Rachel Duran, State of Kansas Department of Agriculture; Jeffery DeHerrera, Pueblo West Metro District; Mark Scott, Providence Infrastructure Consultants; Curtis Thompson, AECOM; Cathy Garcia and Clarice Novarro, Congresswoman Boebert’s Office; Jerry Pena, Kennedy Jenks and Warren Paul with Mott McDonald.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long said the minutes of the December 3, 2020 Board meeting were posted to the Board website for review and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mr. Karney moved, seconded by Mr. Colosimo, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

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TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer Nichols reported the financial statements for November 2020 and DRAFT December 2020, were posted to the Board website for review. Ms. Nichols moved, seconded by Mr. Clayton, for acceptance of the November 2020 and DRAFT December 2020 financial statements and payment of the January 2021 bills. Motion unanimously carried.

PRESENTATION ITEMS:

FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE

Ms. Arbogast welcomed Clarice Navarro, from Congresswoman Boebert's office. Ms. Arbogast has been watching for committee assignments for our two new delegation members, Congresswoman Boebert and Senator Hickenlooper. Those assignments have not yet been made, but we do know Congresswoman Boebert has requested a seat on the House Natural Resources Committee.

Congresswoman Deb Haaland has been nominated to be Secretary of the Interior, but her nomination may be held for a month or two before it officially goes to the Senate from the White House. The House leadership, with its narrow margin, may be wanting to hold on to her vote for a few weeks on important beginning of session legislation.

David Palumbo is acting commissioner of Reclamation. Tanya Trujillo is acting principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science. That may mean she will not be the Commissioner nominee, and chatter is it might be Estavan Lopez, former commissioner.

Kiel Weaver has left Interior and returned to House Natural Resources to head the water subcommittee. Lane Dixon was not retained by Senator Barrasso for the Senate Energy and Natural Resources position. Ms. Arbogast is monitoring introduction of water legislation, as well as the Administration's executive orders regarding Trump-era regulatory reform.

The Arkansas Valley Conduit received \$3 million in the FY '21 plus up passed at the end of the year. The FY '22 budget is expected to be delayed in its release.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

- JWBHP Update
- AVC and Excess Capacity Master Contract Update

Mr. Long asked if there were any other business matters to come before the Enterprise Board, hearing none, Mr. Long adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am.

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Respectfully submitted,

Patty Rivas
Administrative Support Associate

Secretary

