

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE**

MINUTES

February 18, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (Enterprise) was held on Thursday, February 18, 2016 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	Ann Nichols	Vera Ortegon
Kevin Karney	Gibson Hazard	Gary Bostrom
Carl McClure	Howard "Bub" Miller	Leonard Pruett
Jay Moore	David Simpson	Pat Edelman
Curtis Mitchell	Alan Hamel-Advisory Board Member	

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Tom Goodwin and Harold Miskel

ENTERPRISE OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Executive Director James Broderick; General Counsel Lee Miller; Administrative Manager Toni Gonzales; Principal Engineer Kevin Meador; Finance Coordinator/IT Leann Noga; Administrative Support Associate Patty Rivas; and Special Water Counsel Steve Leonhardt and Alix Joseph

VISITORS PRESENT:

Chris Woodka, The Pueblo Chieftain; Tom Simpson, Aurora Water; Doug Fitzgerald, U.S. Congressman Scott Tipton's office; Cathy Garcia, U.S. Senator Cory Gardner's office; Roy Vaughan, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Steve Witte and Bill Tyner, Colorado Division of Water Resources-Division 2; Curt Thompson, AECOM; Bill Banks and John Fulton, U.S. Geological Survey; Kevin Niles, AGUA;; Bob Hamilton, retired; Jim Baldwin, Otero County; Brett Gracely and Abby Ortega, Colorado Springs Utilities; Terry Book, Board of Water Works of Pueblo; Jack Goble, Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District; and Mike Weber and Kelei Proctor, Colorado Water Protective Development Association

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long said the minutes of the December 3, 2015 Board meeting were posted to the Board website for review, and if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mrs. Ortegon moved, seconded by Mr. Hazard, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Treasure Nichols reported the financial statements for November, draft December, and January were posted to the Board website for review. Ms. Nichols moved, seconded by Dr. Moore, for acceptance of the November, draft December, and January financial statements and payment of the February 2016 bills. Motion unanimously carried.

President Long recessed the Enterprise meeting at 9:37 a.m. and reconvened at 9:58 a.m.

CONSENT ITEMS:

None

PRESENTATIONS:

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Mr. Broderick reported Christine Arbogast was attending the Family Farm Alliance Annual meeting. Mr. Broderick reported on the expected funding sources for the Arkansas Valley Conduit (AVC). He said the Colorado delegation has continued their support for the AVC.

Mr. Broderick said that Bill Long, Lee Miller, Christine Arbogast, and he will be in Washington, D.C. February 22 and 23, to meet with the Colorado delegation and staff members, and the Commissioner of Reclamation.

Mr. Broderick reported that the Environmental Assessment is awaiting Reclamations signature on the Hydro Project. There are discussions being held regarding usage of power from the Hydro Project. Mr. Broderick thanked the Colorado delegation, Reclamation, and the District's team for their work on the Hydro Project.

EXCESS CAPACITY MASTER CONTRACT UPDATE

Lee Miller reported the Enterprise's negotiation team met with Reclamation on January 7, 2016, in a public negotiation session and agreed upon a draft Master Contract. The Board was provided the draft Master Contract that resulted from the negotiation. The day before, the negotiation team met with Master Contract participants to discuss plans for the negotiation. The draft Master Contract does not have an initial storage amount. We will provide that to Reclamation following additional discussions with participants.

The next step is for the Enterprise to negotiate with participants a standard subcontract, and to agree on the initial storage amount. The draft Master Contract and any preliminary information on the subcontract efforts will be brought to the Excess Capacity Committee. The draft Master Contract and the draft subcontracts will be brought to the Board in late spring or early summer with a recommendation from the Excess Capacity Committee on approval.

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ACTION ITEMS:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS:

President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the meeting, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Gonzales
Administrative Manager

Secretary

