

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

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**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO  
WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE  
MINUTES  
November 21, 2024**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (Enterprise) was held on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado. President Long called to order the Enterprise meeting at 9:52 to be held in conjunction with the District meeting for a presentation item. Following the joint presentation item with the District, President Long recessed the Enterprise meeting at 10:18 a.m. President Long reconvened the Enterprise meeting at 10:29 a.m. The ZOOM platform was also made available for Board members and visitors.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Alan Hamel	Dallas May (remote)	Pat Edelmann
Andy Colosimo(remote)	Howard "Bub" Miller (remote)	Seth Clayton
Ann Nichols	Justin DiSanti	Tom Goodwin
Bill Long	Mark Pifher	
Curtis Mitchell	Matt Heimerich (remote)	

**DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:**

Kevin Karney, and Greg Felt.

President Long established that a Quorum was present.

**DISTRICT OFFICIALS:**

Executive Director Leann Noga; General Counsel Lee Miller; Staff Attorney Peter Levish; Principal Engineer Gordon Dillon; Senior Policy and Issues Manager Chris Woodka; Water Resources Principal Engineer Garrett Markus; Finance Manager Stephanie Shipley; Administration Manager Michelle Tocyldowski; Administrative Support Specialists Margie Medina and Patty Rivas (remote); Christine Arbogast, Kogovsek and Associates; Roy Vaughan, H2O Consultants; and Curt Thompson and Tim Volz, AECOM.

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

Jarid Prowell, Pueblo West Metro District; Mike Holmberg, Bureau of Reclamation; Phil Reynolds, Consulting; and Rick Kienitz, Aurora Water.

**VISITORS CONNECTED VIA ZOOM:**

Andrew Klakulak and Krystal Brown, USGS; Angie Alvarado, Wilson Water Group; Christopher Olney and Kelly Roesch, Colorado Springs Utilities.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

President Long said the minutes of the October 17, 2024, Enterprise Board meetings were posted to OnBoard and the website for review and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mr. Pifher moved, seconded by Mr. Clayton, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

**CONSENT ITEMS REPORT:**

- Enterprise Financial Statements for October 2024.

Mr. Hamel moved, seconded by Mr. Clayton, to approve the Consent Item. unanimously carried.

**PRESENTATION ITEM:**

**FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE**

Ms. Arbogast updated the Board with:

- It is nearly certain that the farm bill reauthorization will be a one-year extension of current farm bill.
- There is movement on end-of-year water resources package, which at this time will include the AVC legislation to extend cost-share repayment and reduce the interest rate. It is unknown what that package will be attached to: either a Continuing Resolution to fund the government or the National Defense Authorization Act. It is possible that package will also include public lands measures, some of which address watershed health and were planned for inclusion in the farm bill.

President Long announced that Ms. Arbogast received a Lifetime Achievement award from NWRA. A well deserved award.

**WATER RESOURCES AND OPERATIONS UPDATE**

Mr. Garrett Markus updated the Board with a PowerPoint that covered:

1. Water year 2024 started off with high snowpack and elevated river conditions of a typical wet spring. However, late summer and fall were hot and dry with very little precipitation making for an abnormal year for water storage and projections. The content levels in Pueblo Reservoir are expected to be higher than average. Pueblo Reservoir's risk of spill every spring elevates the need for water management within the Reservoir. Currently the Agricultural Project Water Carryover Pilot Project is in the Moderate Risk of Spill category.
2. The Winter Water Storage Program will begin November 15, 2024. Upstream reservoirs and 2024 irrigation season were higher than average, which should be positive for the Winter Water diversions.
3. Snowfall has begun and tracking snowpack in the collection system will be reported weekly.

Questions were asked of Mr. Markus.

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AVC UPDATE/AVC NEWSLETTER

Mr. Chris Woodka and Mr. Gordon Dillon updated the Board on the progress of the project. This information was provided in the November AVC Newsletter.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

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

- JWBHP Update
- Excess Capacity Master Contract Update

President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the Enterprise Board, hearing no other matters Mr. Long adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

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**Respectfully submitted,**

**Patty Rivas**  
**Administrative Support Specialist**

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**Seth Clayton – Secretary**

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**Bill Long – President**

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**Howard “Bub” Miller**

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**Curtis Mitchell – Vice President**

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**Justin DiSanti**

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**Ann Nichols – Treasurer**

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