

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE**

MINUTES

February 20, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (Enterprise) was held on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 11:46 a.m., at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

President Long announced a quorum was present.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Bill Long	Curtis Mitchell	Ann Nichols
Carl McClure	Tom Goodwin	Dallas May
Seth Clayton	Alan Hamel	Andy Colosimo
Greg Felt	Kevin Karney	Mark Pifher
Patrick Garcia	Pat Edelmann	

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Howard "Bub" Miller

ENTERPRISE OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Executive Director James Broderick; General Counsel Lee Miller; Principal Engineer Kevin Meador; Senior Policy and Issues Manager Chris Woodka; Finance Manager Leann Noga; Administrative Support Associate Patty Rivas; and Federal Lobbyist Christine Arbogast.

VISITORS PRESENT:

Andy Klakulak and Krystal Brown, U.S. Geological Survey; Curt Thompson, AECOM; Doug Fitzgerald, Representative Scott Tipton's office; Brandon Bernard, Fountain Valley Authority; Cathy Garcia, Senator Cory Gardner's Office; Kevin Niles, Arkansas Groundwater Users' Association (AGUA); Tom Simpson, Aurora Water; Gordon Dillon, Kleinfelder; Dwight Gardner, U.S. Senator Michael Bennett's Office; Tom Browning and Matt Cirulli, Atkins; Mark Scott, Providence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long said the minutes of the January 16, 2020, Board meeting were posted to the Board website for review and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mr. Garcia, moved, seconded by Mr. Felt, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Treasurer Nichols reported the financial statements for January 16, 2020 were posted to the Board website for review. Ms. Nichols moved, seconded by Mr. Clayton, for acceptance of the January 2020 financial statements and payment of the February 2020 bills. Motion unanimously carried.

CONSENT ITEMS:

None

PRESENTATIONS:

FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE

Ms. Arbogast reported the Arkansas Valley Conduit received \$28 million from the generous plus up Congress gave the Bureau of Reclamation for FY '20. And, in the Administration's FY '21 budget proposal, the Arkansas Valley Conduit was back in as a line item at \$8 million.

The project would not be in this position without the support of our congressional delegation, and we have to single out Senator Gardner in particular, who camped out at the Office of Management and Budget on our behalf. It's all about timing; a strong Republican Senate supporter and a Republican administration.

Ms. Arbogast, Mr. Broderick, and President Long, went to Washington, D.C. to thank the delegation and also met with Commissioner Burman to thank her. A working meeting with the Reclamation is scheduled for February 26, 2020 to discuss the path forward in the next several months, and to talk about USDA funding as well as a potential partnership with NREL.

Ms. Arbogast is also watching some other bills. Senator Bennet has introduced a bipartisan aquatic nuisance species bill that would authorize funds for Reclamation to partner with states and districts on inspections. They do not have that funding authority at this time.

There is a forest roads bill, intended to boost funding for maintenance and improvement to forest service roads, which can aid in both firefighting and healthy forest management.

Ms. Arbogast concluded by stating she continues to monitor both the Huffman and Gardner-Feinstein infrastructure bills. It is likely the Huffman bill will move through the House, but in the end, what gets passed may be some combination of the two bills, or pieces of each of the bills but not a comprehensive bill.

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JAMES W. BRODERICK HYDROPOWER PLANT UPDATE

Mr. Meador reported the James W. Broderick Hydropower Plant (JWBHP) generated at expected generation for the month of January. Following is a summary of the total megawatt hours (MWh) for January 2020:

Month	Scheduled (MWh)	Delivered (MWh)
January	744	732

The average daily generation in January was 1.0 MWh (scheduled) and 1.0 MWh (delivered) MWh per day compared to the average expected output for January of 24 MWh per day or 99.8 percent and 99.8 percent of average capacity, respectively. The figures on pages 2 and 3 show the actual generation compared to the average generation for the year and the cumulative generation for the year-to-date. Flows during January were in the range of 70-80 cubic feet per second (cfs). That flow is expected to remain the same in February.

The Board was provided a chart that reviewed The Project Objective : Generate Renewable Energy.

Mr. Meador introduced his guest Gordon Dillon from Kleinfelder. Mr. Dillon gave a brief update on the Operations of the JWBHP, which included a scheduled maintenance for the Plant of March 15, 2020 when Winter water ends.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

- AVC and Excess Capacity Master Contract Update

OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS:

None

President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the Board, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Rivas
Administrative Support Associate

Secretary

