

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO
WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE
MINUTES
February 20, 2025**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (Enterprise) was held on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 10:48 a.m., at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo.

Attendance:

Board Members Present:

Andy Colosimo	Greg Felt	Pat Edelmann
Ann Nichols	Howard "Bub" Miller	Seth Clayton
Bill Long	Justin DiSanti	Tom Goodwin
Curtis Mitchell	Kevin Karney	
Dallas May	Matt Heimerich	

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Alan Hamel

DISTRICT OFFICIALS:

Executive Director Leann Noga; General Counsel Lee Miller; Staff Attorney Peter Levish; Senior Policy and Issues Manager Chris Woodka; Engineering Manager Gordon Dillon; Administrative Support Specialist's Margie Medina and Patty Rivas; Administrative Manager Michelle Tocydlowski; H2O Consultant, Roy Vaughan; Kogovsek & Associates, Christine Arbogast; and attending remotely, AECOM, Curtis Thompson.

PRESENT VISITORS:

Aurora Water, Abba Ahmed; USBR, Mike Holmberg; Pueblo West Metro District, Jeffery DeHerrera; Palmer Land Trust, Kristie Nackord; and Consor Engineering, Shane Hayden.

VISITORS CONNECTED VIA ZOOM:

Wilson Water Group, Angie Alvarado; Colorado Springs Utilities, Christopher Olney; USGS, Andres Klakulak and Krystal Brown; Security Water and Sanitation, Roy Heald; and Senator Bennetts Office, Jacob Topping.

CONSENT ITEMS- MINUTES AND TREASURER REPORT:

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Edelmann to approve minutes & treasurer report. Motion unanimously carried.

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PRESENTATION ITEMS:

FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE

Ms. Christine Arbogast updated the Board:

News was received yesterday that the DOGE review of projects and programs at the Bureau of Reclamation has been completed and freeze on funding has been removed. The Arkansas Valley Conduit, will resume where we were when the freeze went into place a few weeks ago.

Negotiations continue between top appropriators on the FY '25 funding. The current Continuing Resolution runs out on March 14.

The Senate and House have both passed budget bills out of committee and the Senate is expected to vote today on the floor; the House will do so next week. The Senate is proceeding with a two-step budget reconciliation process, while the House is proceeding with one big bill. It is unknown how those differences will be resolved, but the speaker of House does not at this time have the votes to pass the bill that came out of committee.

Meanwhile, it is unknown when the Administration will release its FY '26 budget. It is usually released in the first week in February but that has slipped in the last four to five years.

On the nomination front, Andrea Travnicek has been nominated to serve as Assistant Secretary for Water and Science. She formerly served as a deputy in that office during the first Trump administration and she recently was the director of the North Dakota Department of Water Resources. NWRA has sent a letter of support for her nomination.

The Administration has nominated heads of the Bureau of Land Management and the Fish and Wildlife Service, and so a Reclamation nominee could come sooner than we thought.

Questions were asked of Ms. Arbogast

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

- Arkansas Valley Conduit Newsletter
- JWBHP Update
- Excess Capacity Master Contract Update
- Other Business Matters

President Long adjourned the Enterprise Board Meeting @ 11:05 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

**Patty Rivas
Administrative Support Specialist**

Seth Clayton – Secretary

Bill Long – President

Howard “Bub” Miller

ABSENT & EXCUSED

Curtis Mitchell – Vice President

Justin Disanti

Ann Nichols – Treasurer

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