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

President Long convened the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (Enterprise) to order Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 10:11 a.m., at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo,

**Attendance:**

Board Members Present:

Andy Colosimo	Justin DiSanti	Tom Goodwin
Ann Nichols	Kevin Karney	
Bill Long	Matt Heimerich (remote)	
Dallas May	Pat Edelmann	
Howard "Bub" Miller	Seth Clayton (remote)	

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

Alan Hamel, Curtis Mitchell, and Greg Felt

**DISTRICT OFFICIALS:**

Executive Director Leann Noga; Staff Attorney Peter Levish; Senior Policy and Issues Manager Chris Woodka; Engineering Manager Gordon Dillon; Administrative Support Specialist Patty Rivas; Administrative Manager Michelle Tocydlowski; H2O Consultant, Roy Vaughan; Burns, Figa & Will, April Hendricks and Pete Haacks (remote); and, AECOM, Curtis Thompson (remote); and Kennedy Jenks, Greg Sekera (remote).

**PRESENT VISITORS:**

Aurora Water, Rick Kienitz and Abba Ahmed; USBR, Mike Holmberg; USGS, Andrew Klakulak and Krystal Brown; Colorado Springs Utilities, Christopher Olney; and Wilson Water Group, Lisa Brown and Mitch Frischmeyer.

**VISITORS CONNECTED VIA ZOOM:**

Security Water and Sanitation, Roy Heald; Representative Jeff Hurds Office, Cathy Garcia; and Pueblo West Metro District, Jeffery DeHerrera.

**CONSENT ITEMS- MINUTES AND TREASURER REPORT:**

Mr. Bub Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Goodwin, to approve the Minutes & Treasurer Reports from March 2025. Motion unanimously carried.

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**PRESENTATION ITEMS:**

**FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE**

Ms. Christine Arbogast was unable to make the meeting, Mrs. Noga presented some updates:

- The Continuing Resolution funding government for the remainder of FY 2025 passed. That means the AVC funding was at FY '24 levels, which is \$10 million, rather than the \$13 million requested for FY '25.
- Interviews took place recently for at least two candidates for Commissioner of Reclamation.
- A hearing will be held next week for Deputy Secretary of Interior nominee Kate McGregor. Once that takes place, hearings can be held for Assistance Secretary positions including Andrea Travnicek for Water and Science.
- The latest prediction on the release of the President's budget is May. It is unlikely the Congress will begin serious consideration of FY '26 appropriations until the reconciliation process is complete, and it is far from that.
- We will be traveling to DC in late April to meet with our delegation about the legislation regarding repayment of our 35 percent cost-share for the conduit.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE REPORT, KENNEDY JENKS**

Mr. Gordon Dillon presented an action item to the Board to approve Kennedy Jenks' Scope of Work to complete the Environmental Clearance report associated with the Spur & Delivery Line Project.

As part of the previous design contract, Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc. did the preliminary field work for Environmental Clearances during the bloom season in the Project 1 portion of the Spur & Delivery Line located in Otero County. The previous design contract has expired and any work done to complete portions of selected portions of the scope of work will be done under new agreements. During review of Kennedy Jenks' submitted work, it was noted that the final report for Environmental Clearances had not been completed prior to the stop work order. The Final Report for Environmental Clearances is an integral part of the SECWAE's required reporting to the Bureau of Reclamation and is needed to fulfill requirements for future funding opportunities with the State Revolving Fund (SRF).

Mr. Bub Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Colosimo that the District Board of Directors approve the substantially similar agreement for the completion of the Final Report for Environmental Clearances for Project 1 of the Spur and Delivery lines. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE REPORT, AECOM**

Mr. Gordon Dillon presented to the Board an action item suggesting the Board approve AECOM's Scope of Work to complete the Environmental Clearance report associated with the Spur & Delivery Line Project 2.

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As part of the previous design contract, AECOM Technical Services, Inc. did the preliminary field work for Environmental Clearances during the bloom season in the Project 2 portion of the Spur & Delivery Line located in Pueblo, Crowley, Bent, Kiowa and Prowers counties. The previous design contract has expired and any work done to complete portions of selected portions of the scope of work will be done under new agreements. During review of AECOM's submitted work, it was noted that the final report for Environmental Clearances had not been completed prior to the stop work order. The Final Report for Environmental Clearances is an integral part of the SECWAE's required reporting to the Bureau of Reclamation and is needed to fulfill requirements for future funding opportunities with the State Revolving Fund (SRF).

Mr. Goodwin moved, seconded by Mr. Edelman, that the District Board of Directors approve the substantially similar agreement for the completion of the Final Report for Environmental Clearances for Project 2 of the Spur and Delivery lines. Motion carried unanimously.

**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. and reconvened the District Board Meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Levish announced a request has been made for the Southeastern Colorado Water Activities Enterprise to enter Executive Session for the purpose of:

**Discussion with legal counsel on the following matter:**

Auora Water Purchase

Pursuant to:

- C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b):** (Conferences with an attorney for the local public body for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions)
- C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e):** (Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators)

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**The presence of the following persons is requested at this Executive Session:**

- Non-Excused Committee and Board Members (state for the record any who are excused)
- Executive Director
- Staff Attorney
- Outside Legal Counsel
- Senior Policy and Issues Manager
- Engineering Manager
- Engineering Consultants (Lisa Brown & Mitch Frischmeyer)
- [Minute Taker]

**MINUTES WILL BE ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED AS REQUIRED BY THE COLORADO OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Mr. Goodwin moved, seconded by Mr. Bub Miller that the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise to enter into the Executive Session at 10:37 a.m. The vote was unanimous.

At this time the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District will enter into Executive Session.

At 12:15 coming out of Executive session, Mr. Peter Levish advised that there was discussion with legal counsel instructing, and that no action was needed for Executive Session Item, **Aurora Water Purchase**

President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the Enterprise Board, hearing no other matters, Mr. Long adjourned the Enterprise meeting at 12:16 p.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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