

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO
WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE
MINUTES
April 18, 2024**

President Long convened the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (Enterprise) to order at 9:44 a.m., Thursday April 18, 2024, to be held in conjunction with the District Board meeting to present the 2023 Annual Audit Presentation. Mrs. Noga introduced Mitchell Downs from Erickson, Brown & Kolster, Inc, who represents the firm that conducted the 2023 audit. Mr. Downs read the Independent Auditor's Report.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF 2023 ANNUAL AUDIT

Mr. Clayton moved seconded by Mr. Bub Miller, the audit of the 2023 financial statement of the District and Enterprise be approved as presented. Motion unanimously carried.
Ms. Noga received and addressed questions by the Board.

APPROVAL OF 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Bub Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Felt, the 2023 financial statements of the District and Enterprise be approved as audited. Motion unanimously carried.

President Long thanked Leann Noga and the finance team.

President Long recessed the Enterprise Board meeting at 9:52 a.m. that was held in conjunction with the District Board meeting, and reconvened the Enterprise Meeting at 10:53 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

None

President Long established that a Quorum was present.

DISTRICT OFFICIALS:

Executive Director Leann Noga; General Counsel Lee Miller; Staff Attorney Peter Levish; Senior Policy and Issues Manager Chris Woodka; Water Resources Principal Engineer Garrett Markus; Principal Engineer's Kevin Meador and Mark Scott; Principal Engineer/Operations Coordinator, Gordon Dillon; Finance Manager, Stephanie Shipley; Administrative Support Specialist's Margie Medina and Patty Rivas; H2O Consultant Roy Vaughan; Kogovsek & Associates Christine Arbogast; Curtis Thompson, AECOM; and Jerry Pena, Kennedy Jenks.

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VISITORS PRESENT:

Abby Ortega, Colorado Springs Utilities; Tom Waters, Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area; Krystal Brown, USGS; and Mitch Downs, Erickson, Brown & Kloster, LLC.

VISITORS CONNECTED VIA ZOOM:

Bobby Bandham and Jeffery DeHerrera, Pueblo West Metro; Cathy Garcia, Congress Woman Lauren Boebert's Office; Lisa Brown, Wilson Water Group; Rick Kienitz, Aurora Water; Jim Baldwin, Otero County Commissioner; Travis White, JHL Construction; and Brent Gardner Smith, Independent Journalist.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long said the minutes of the March 21, 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. Karney moved, seconded by Mr. Karney, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Ms. Nichols reported the financial statements for March 2024, were posted to OnBoard and the Website for review. Ms. Nichols moved, seconded by Mr. Clayton, for acceptance of the March 2024 financial statements and payment of the April bills. Motion unanimously carried.

PRESENTATION ITEMS:

ARKANSAS VALLEY CONDUIT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Mr. Gordon Dillon updated the Board as follows: Work continues on the Arkansas Valley Conduit (AVC) under the 2022 contract awarded to WCA Construction LLC. In the latest phase of the AVC project, Global Underground installed about 5,000 feet of 30-inch HDPE pipe during the first week of April. Mr. Dillon had a short video of the installation and explained the process as the video plays.

Questions were asked of Mr. Dillon and Mr. Kevin Meador.

BASIN OUTLOOK REPORT

Mr. Garrett Markus presented the Board the Basin Outlook Report, in the form of a PowerPoint, which reviewed:

- Upper Colorado River Basin
- Colorado Basin Snowpack
- Fry-Ark Collection Basin Snowpack vs. Annual Basin Average with Associated Fry-Ark Imports
- Fry-Ark Collection Basin Snowpack with Individual Sites
- Fry-Ark Imports
 1. Reclamation Forecasts
 - a. February 1: 21,700 AF
 - b. March 1: 60,300 AF
 - c. April 1: 60,400 AF

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2. May 1 Official Forecast

a. Considerations

- I. May Forecasts are based on Snotel Sites alone
 - II. 70% of actual imports come from snowpack represented by Snotel Sites
 - III. 30% of actual imports come from precipitation from May 1 to September 30
- Upper Ark Basin vs. Annual Basin Average with Associated Fry-Ark Imports
 - Upper Ark basin Snowpack with Individual Sites
 - Pueblo Reservoir Content, evacuation of the Joint Use Pool
 - Pueblo Reservoir Allocations
 - Spill Priorities-Article 13 of the SECWCD/United States Contract

Questions were asked of Mr. Markus

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

- AVC Update
- 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 11:34 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Patty Rivas
Administrative Support Specialist

Seth Clayton – Secretary

Bill Long – President

Howard “Bub” Miller

Curtis Mitchell – Vice President

Justin Disanti

Ann Nichols – Treasurer

Kevin Karney

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