

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO
WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE
MINUTES
January 16, 2025**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (Enterprise) was held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 10:35 a.m., at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo,

Attendance:

Board Members Present:

Alan Hamel	Dallas May	Tom Goodwin
Andy Colosimo	Greg Felt	
Ann Nichols	Howard "Bub" Miller(remote)	
Bill Long	Pat Edelmann	
Curtis Mitchell	Seth Clayton	

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Justin DiSanti, Kevin Karney, and Matt Heimerich

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 - Kennedy Jenks, Jerry Pena; and AECOM, Curtis Thompson.

VISITORS PRESENT:

Aurora Water, Abba Ahmed; USBR, Mike Holmberg; Brian Bell and Jeremy Baker, Pate Construction.

VISITORS CONNECTED VIA ZOOM:

Wilson Water Group, Angie Alvarado; Otero County Administrator, Amy White-Oquist; Otero County Commissioner, Tim Knabenshue; Aurora Water, Rick Kienitz; Senator Bennetts Office, Jacob Topping; Kansas Department of Agriculture, Rachel Duran; Colorado Springs Utilities, Christopher Olney; and Security Water and Sanitation, Roy Heald.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long said the minutes from the December 12, 2024, District Board meeting was posted to OnBoard and the Website for review and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mr. Colosimo moved, seconded by Mr. Hamel, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

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CONSENT ITEM: TREASURER REPORT:

Ms. Nichols moved, seconded by Mr. Clayton, for acceptance of the November 2024 and the DRAFT December 2024 financial statements and payment of the January 2025 bills. Motion unanimously carried.

PRESENTATION ITEMS:

FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE

Ms. Christine Arbogast updated the Board.

Topics of discussion:

1. Appointed officials in new Administration
2. AVC Project federal funds
3. The AVC legislation the District pursued last Congress did not pass. Legislation will be reintroduced in this Congress. The reintroduction will be directed at:
 - a. Longer term for Repayment
 - b. Smaller interest rate
 - c. Source of payment to be categorized as Misc. Revenues
4. Senate Committee on Natural Energy & Resources:
 - a. Mike Lee from Utah as Chairman,
 - b. Martin Heinrich of New Mexico, Ranking Member

Questions were asked of Ms. Arbogast

ARKANSAS VALLEY CONDUIT UPDATE

Mr. Woodka and Mr. Dillon presented a short film to update the Board on construction of the AVC Project as well as directing attention to this month's AVC newsletter. The AVC Committee will be meeting Thursday January 23rd.

Questions were asked of Mr. Woodka and Mr. Dillon.

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 @ 11:07 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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