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WORK SESSION:

Prior to today's board meeting, the directors participated in a work session to discuss the Platte Valley Water Partnership's agreements/timelines and the August 2025 PVWP trial date.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
LOWER SOUTH PLATTE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

August 13, 2024

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Allen Coyne	Jack McClary
Ken Fritzler	Bob Mari
Bruce Gerk	Joe Patterson
Brian Kembel	Cody Poitz
Gene Manuello	Brad Stromberger

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Dan Kendrick
Kent Pflager
Carson Smart

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

Joe Frank, General Manager
Rick Fleharty, Technician
Craig Brownell, Technician
Deanna Eskew, Secretary

Manager Frank stated that the board will need to go into executive session later in the meeting for the following:

1. Conference with the District's attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b),
2. For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e).

INSURANCE PRESENTATION:

Lauren Hix from Hix Risk Consultants discussed her bid for District liability insurance with the board. Director Coyne made the motion to switch liability insurance coverage to Hix Risk Consultants effective 8/01/2024. Director Mari seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At approximately 10:34 a.m. Director Coyne made the motion to adjourn into executive session for the following:

1. Conference with the District's attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b),
2. For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiation, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e).

Director Patterson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President Fritzler adjourned the executive session and reconvened the board meeting at approximately 12:04 p.m.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Included in Manager Frank's report were the following:

- ✓ Contract Approval –
 - Director Manuello made the motion to approve the contract with Stantec subject to final review by Manager Frank and Counsel Woldridge. Director Mari seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- ✓ Perkins Canal
 - Manager Frank updated the board on the Perkins Canal workgroup.
- ✓ WRASP/Colorado Water Congress
 - The Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Health & Environment (CDPHE) will be holding stakeholder meetings for regulating dredge and fill activities in state waters beginning in September 2024 through December 2025.

VISITORS PRESENT:

Lauren Hix, Hix Risk Consultants
Jeff Rice, Sterling Journal Advocate

The meeting was called to order by President Fritzler.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 9, 2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Director Kembel made the motion to approve the July 9, 2024 Executive Committee Minutes as submitted. Director Mari seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE REPORT:

After presenting the financial report for the month of July, Treasurer Coyne made the motion to approve payment of District checks 17239-17264 as well as Julesburg Recharge checks 1250 – 1251. Director Poitz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RIVER MONITORING:

Division I, Water Court Resume':

No statement of opposition will be filed from the June Water Court Resume.'

Julesburg Recharge Project:

Charles Julius remains the only well owner who has yet to pay their pumping bill from last year.

Heyborne Recharge Project:

The recharge site has been shut down since the beginning of June. Technician Fleharty noted that Blochowicz Ditching will be cleaning the site in preparation for fall recharge.

LEGAL REPORT:

Counsel Donovan noted in his report that no statements of opposition were filed on the Lechman diligence application. Counsel Donovan will also sign and send back to John Buchanan the stipulation on the Harmony diligence application.

- The Colorado Water Congress Summer Convention will be held August 20-22 in Colorado Springs.
- ✓ South Platte Water Related Activities Program (SPWRAP) –
 - Manager Frank said that the Tamarack/Peterson Ditch Interaction committee has evolved into more of an operations committee. Committee members include Manager Frank, Rich Belt, Ryan VanPelt, and Jon Altenhofen. The committee is recommending that the Tamarack recharge wells begin pumping later in November instead of the 1st of November and also start pumping the furthest wells first with the closest wells to the river begin pumping last.
- ✓ Platte Valley Water Partnership -
 - Manager Frank said that LSPWCD staff has been actively involved in meetings and tours this spring and summer which he felt had been very productive.
- ✓ Donation –
 - Director Coyne made the motion to donate \$300.00 towards a PVWP fund to assist Mark McClean with meal expenses, Director Poitz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

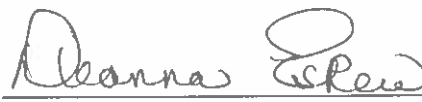
Director Coyne asked that absent board members be listed on the Executive Committee Minutes. Director Coyne also asked that Manager Frank list in his email what is included in the attached board and legal packets.

NEW BUSINESS:

Manager Frank will be preparing the draft 2025 budget for the board to review this fall.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Director Coyne made the motion to adjourn. Director Poitz seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:57 p.m.



Deanna Eskew, Secretary