

Work Session: Prior to today's board meeting, the directors participated in a work session to discuss and receive updates on the Platte Valley Water Partnership

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

March 11, 2025

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Allen Coyne	Jack McClary
Bruce Gerk	Joe Patterson
Brian Kembel Zoom	Kent Pflager
Gene Manuello	Cody Poitz
Bob Mari	Bryan Ruf
	Brad Stromberger

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Ken Fritzler
Dan Kendrick
Carson Smart

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

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

VISITORS PRESENT:

None

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Manuello.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2025 BOARD MINUTES:

Director Coyne made the motion to approve the February 11, 2025 Board Minutes as submitted. Director Mari seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

FINANCE REPORT:

Treasurer Coyne presented the finance report for the month of February. Director Coyne then made the motion to approve payment of District checks 17463-17491. There were no Julesburg Recharge checks for February. Director Pflager seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

WATER RIGHTS MONITORING:

Division I Water Court Resume':

No statements of opposition will be filed from the January, 2025 Water Court Resume.'

Julesburg Recharge Project:

Manager Frank noted that the annual billing to the well owners is ready pending when the final numbers from the South Platte Water Related Activities Program (SPWRAP) payments are finalized.

Heyborne Recharge Project:

Pumping into the Heyborne site has been shut down due to icing conditions.

LEGAL REPORT:

None

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

In the absence of President Fritzler who was unable to attend today's meeting, Vice-President Manuello conducted today's meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Included in the Manager's report were the following:

Legislative Matters:

WRASP/Colorado Water Congress –

Manager Frank updated the board on the preliminary itinerary for the 2025 Colorado Water Congress Board Retreat which will be held in Sterling on June 16th – 18th.

Manager Frank reviewed HB25-1286 which would require employers to implement protections for workers who are exposed to extreme hot and cold temperatures at the worksite, including temperature mitigation measures, rest breaks, and temperature -related injury and illness prevention plans. Colorado Water Congress voted unanimously against the bill.

General Matters:

South Platte Basin Roundtable –

The next meeting of the SPBRT will be held later today.

Platte Valley Water Partnership –

Manager Frank updated the board on current water court proceedings.

Other Discussion Topics –

There will be an Ag Water Meeting on March 24th at the Sedgwick County Community Center in Julesburg, CO. The meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Items of discussion will be Funding & NRCS Programs, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Partnership, Grant Funds for Infrastructure Projects, and Perkins County Canal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At approximately 10:18 a.m. Director Coyne made the motion to adjourn into executive session for the following:

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),

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 Pflager seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Vice President Manuello adjourned the executive session and reconvened the board meeting at approximately 1:07 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Director Poitz made the motion to adjourn. Director Ruf seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:10 p.m.

Deanna Eskew, District Secretary