

## Executive Committee Minutes July 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Fritzler at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the district office. The following Executive Committee Directors were present: President Ken Fritzler, Vice President Gene Manuello, Treasurer Allen Coyne, and Committee Directors Brian Kembel (Zoom) and Joe Patterson. Directors Don Schneider (Zoom), Brad Stromberger and Bryan Ruf were also in attendance. Staff members Manager Joe Frank, Rick Fleharty, Craig Brownell, and Deanna Eskew were present along with Jeff Rice from the Sterling Journal Advocate.

### **Board Minutes:**

Director Coyne made the motion to approve the June 8, 2021 Board Minutes. Director Patterson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Financial Report:**

Treasurer Coyne presented the financial report for the month of June. Director Coyne then made the motion to approve payment of District checks 15980 – 16022 and Julesburg Recharge check 1139. Director Manuello seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **River Monitoring:**

*Division I Water Court Resume':*

No Statements of opposition will be filed from the May 2021 Water Court Resume'.

*Julesburg Recharge Project:*

Notices, including late fees, were sent out last month to Charles Julius, Charles Bunner and Leon Woodhams. Charles Bunner immediately paid but Charles Julius and Leon Woodhams have yet to pay.

The District's Augmentation Plan will need to be refiled with Water Court as there was an error in the publication according to Counsel Donovan.

Manager Frank reported that \$15,725.00 was received from TGR Land (Beau Davis) to pay for upfront costs of adding their well and recharge ponds to Lower's augmentation plan. Because of delays in getting started it may be difficult to get a substitute supply plan approved by October when TGR Land wants to start pumping.

*Heyborne Recharge Project:*

Even though the Heyborne site had issues last year Manager Frank noted that we still managed to pump 500 a.f. of water into the site.

**Legal Report:**

An executive session will need to be held later to discuss legal matters with the attorney pertaining to the Parker/Lower Project 19CW3253.

**President's Report:**

None

**Manager's Report:**

Included in Manager Frank's report were the following:

*Legislative Issues:*

- The Interim Water Resources Review Committee will be meeting in the off season. Manager Frank will be attending the August meeting in Steamboat Springs.
- The Anti-Speculation Law Work Group will be submitting their final report to the general assembly by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Manager Frank who is a member of the group stressed the difficulty in coming up with a consensus on any new recommendations for changes to anti-speculation laws.

*General Matters:*

- SPWRAP
  - The next quarterly meeting of the group will be held on July 15<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.
  - The SPWRAP board will be reviewing invoices for approximately \$600,000.00 from Ducks Unlimited for the bank stabilization project at Tamarack and approximately \$500,000.00 in invoices for well rehab and the diversion structure at the Peterson Ditch.
  - The executive director position has yet to be filled.
- NE Colorado Water Cooperative
  - The annual meeting of the Cooperative was held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Morgan County Quality Water.
  - The WaterSMART grant is being extended to December 2022.
- SPBRT South Platte Basin Round Table
  - The next meeting of the Round Table will be held later today via Zoom.
  - Phase II of the South Platte Basin Implementation Plan will be discussed today.

- SPROWG South Platte Regional Opportunities Water Group
  - Manager Frank will be attending the next meeting of the group on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The Colorado Water Congress Summer Convention will be held August 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> in Steamboat.
- Manager Frank and Ron Redd from Parker W&S District will be speaking at the Colorado Ag Water Alliance Convention in Frasier on December 10<sup>th</sup> regarding the Parker/Lower Project.
- Manager Frank reported that the office analog phone system is failing and will need to be replaced. The board reviewed an estimate given by Rodine Communications for an internet based (Voice over IP) system. Manager Frank will request final bids from Rodine and other providers and present the bids to the board at next month's meeting.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** None

**Public Comment:** None

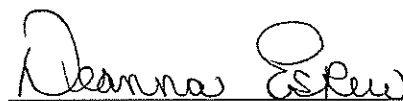
**Executive Session:**

Director Coyne made the motion at approximately 10:30 a.m. that the board recess into executive session 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 regarding legal matters. The motion was seconded by Joe Patterson which passed unanimously.

President Fritzler adjourned the executive session and reconvened the board meeting at approximately 2:15 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Director Coyne made the motion to adjourn. Director Stromberger seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:18 p.m.



Deanna Eskew, Secretary