

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**

February 11, 2025

DIRECTOR'S PRESENT:

Allen Coyne	Bob Mari
Ken Fritzler	Kent Pflager Zoom
Bruce Gerk	Joe Patterson
Brian Kembel	Brian Ruf
Dan Kendrick	Carson Smart
Gene Manuello	Brad Stromberger

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Jack McClary
Cody Poitz

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 President Fritzler.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 7, 2025 AND JANUARY 14, 2025 BOARD MINUTES:

Director Mari made the motion to approve the January 7, 2025 Special Board Minutes as submitted. Director Coyne seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Director Manuello made the motion to approve the January 14, 2025 Board Minutes as submitted. Director Coyne seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE REPORT:

Treasurer Coyne presented the finance report for the month of January. Director Coyne then made the motion to approve payment of District checks 17431-17462 as well as Julesburg Recharge checks #1256 - 1258. Director Patterson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

TABOR REMEDY: –

2nd Reading – Resolution #02-1-2025

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At approximately 9:12 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 Patterson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

President Fritzler adjourned the executive session and reconvened the board meeting at approximately 10:30 a.m.

RESOLUTION: #02-1-2025: Consideration of Resolution #02-1-2025 A RESOLUTION OF LOWER SOUTH PLATTE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT APPROVING A PLAN TO REFUND REVENUES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO AN UNAUTHORIZED MILL LEVY ABOVE 0.5 MILL IMPOSED IN EACH YEAR FROM 2019-2023.

Director Manuello made the motion to approve Resolution #02-1-2025. Director Gerk seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

WATER RIGHTS MONITORING:

Division I Water Court Resume’:

No statements of opposition will be filed from the December, 2024 Water Court Resume.’

WATER ACTIVITIES ENTERPRISE REPORT:

Julesburg Recharge Project:

Manager Frank will be able to finish the annual billing to the well owners after the numbers for the South Platte Water Related Activities Program (SPWRAP) payments are finalized.

Heyborne Recharge Project:

Manager Frank stated that pumping into the site has been shut down due to icing conditions.

LEGAL REPORT:

Manager Frank reminded the board of the August trial date for the Platte Valley Water Partnership.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

The board reviewed discussions that have been held with local objectors regarding the Platte Valley Water Partnership.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Included in the Manager’s report were the following:

Legislative Matters:

WRASP/Colorado Water Congress –

Manager Frank noted that a bill to remove any restrictions to current law regarding rain barrels was recently introduced. The proposed bill would allow homeowners to collect and use rainwater for any purpose on their property with no limits. The State Affairs Committee of Colorado Water Congress voted to oppose the bill.

The 2025 CWC Board Retreat will be held in Sterling on June 16th – 18th.

General Matters:

Perkins Canal –

Manager Frank updated the board on the meetings that have recently been held in relation to the Perkins Canal.

The NE Colorado Water Cooperative will be holding their monthly meeting as part of the Perkins Canal workgroup on February 27th at 9:00 a.m.

South Platte Water Related Activities Program –

The 1st Quarter board meeting of SPWRAP was held in Sterling on January 16th. One of the main topics of discussion was the Carlson Ditch Recharge Project. The board allocated approximately \$140,000 for Phase 1 which would include feasibility, testing, piping, and supplies. The 17th well at Tamarack is presently on hold as the Carlson Ditch project appears to be more cost effective.

South Platte Basin Roundtable –
The next meeting of the SPBRT will be held later today. Lower South Platte River operations will be an item of discussion.

Water Supply Development –
The Water Supply Development Subcommittee will be meeting this Friday, February 14, 2025 at the District office at 9:00 a.m. Manager Frank said that a work session will be held prior to the subcommittee meeting at 8:00 a.m.

District 64 Reservoir Company –
District 64 Reservoir Company will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, February 15th at 9:00 a.m. at the District office.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Director Coyne made the motion to adjourn. Director Patterson seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Deanna Eskew, District Secretary