

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**

July 8, 2025

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Allen Coyne	Bob Mari
Ken Fritzler	Jack McClary
Brian Kembel Zoom	Joe Patterson
Dan Kendrick Zoom	Kent Pflager
Gene Manuello	Carson Smart

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Bruce Gerck	Bryan Ruf
Cody Poitz	Brad Stromberger

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

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

VISITORS PRESENT:

None

The meeting was called to order by President Fritzler.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 3, 2025 BOARD MINUTES:

Director Coyne made the motion to approve the June 3, 2025 Board Minutes as submitted. Director Pflager seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

FINANCE REPORT:

Treasurer Coyne presented the finance report for the month of June. Director Coyne then made the motion to approve payment of District checks 17579-17618. Check # 17608 will be voided. There were no Julesburg Recharge checks. Director Manuello seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

WATER RIGHTS MONITORING:

Division I Water Court Resume'

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

WATER ACTIVITIES ENTERPRISE REPORT:

Julesburg Recharge Project:

Manager Frank will be mailing adjusted bills to Pete Walter and Charles Julius which will include \$100.00 late fee per well.

Heyborne Recharge Project:

The board reviewed updates to the project including plans to construct a second inlet to the forebay pond using a 36-inch headgate and pipe to improve water supply

LEGAL REPORT:

Manager Frank noted that Ryan Donovan will continue to submit a Water Court Resume' review report to the District each month.

Manager Frank also noted that the board will need to go into executive session to discuss the Platte Valley Water Partnership with the attorney.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Included in the Manager's Report were the following:

General Matters:

- South Platte Water Alliance –
 - Manager Frank reported that there have been good discussions with State officials regarding the Perkins Canal.
- Perkins Canal -
 - A Town Hall meeting will be held in Julesburg with State officials on August 6th at the old school.
- WRASP/Water Congress –
 - Manager Frank reviewed the 2025 CWC Board Retreat that was held in Sterling on June 16th through June 18th. Approximately 60 people attended the Monday evening event at the North Sterling Reservoir.
- South Platte Water Related Activities Program –
 - Manager Frank gave a recap of the tour for the SPWRAP board members that was held on June 20th. SPWRAP and others visited the Peterson Diversion, Peterson wells, Lower's recharge site as well as the Carlson Recharge Project, Heyborne recharge site and the Tamarack project.
 - Manager Frank explained that the Carlson Recharge site is still in feasibility mode.
- NE Colorado Water Cooperative –
 - Manager Frank stressed again this month the importance of the Cooperative and how it continues to be an advisory board to the Perkins Canal group and the Platte Valley Water Partnership.
- South Platte Basin Roundtable –
 - The next meeting of the Roundtable will be held in August.
- Platte Valley Water Partnership –
 - On Monday, June 23, 2025 Manager Frank gave a tour of the proposed project to members of the CO Open Lands. Feedback from the tour has been very good.
- Other Discussion Topics –
 - A retirement party was held on June 30th for Rick Fleharty. Rick will still continue to work for the District on a part-time basis.
 - Due to scheduling conflicts, the next board meeting of the Lower South Platte Water Conservancy District will be held on August 5, 2025

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At approximately 10:35 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).
3. To discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interest under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(a).

Director Patterson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

President Fritzler adjourned the executive session and reconvened the board meeting at approximately 1:40 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: Platte Valley Water Partnership

Director Patterson made the motion to approve a stipulation with the City of Aurora. Director Pflager seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Director Smart made the motion to approve a stipulation with the State to the entry of a decree consistent in substance and intent with the decree, with the discretion given to staff and counsel to approve revisions consistent in substance with the intent of the decree. Director Coyne seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Manuello made the motion to authorize staff and counsel to approve stipulations with other opposers to the entry of a decree consistent in substance with the decree. Director McClary seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

The next board meeting of the Lower South Platte Water Conservancy District will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Director Mari made the motion to adjourn. Director Kembel seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:46 p.m.

Deanna Eskew, District Secretary