Lower South Platte Water Conservancy District

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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
August 11, 2026

Directors present:

Allen Coyne Zoom	Jack McClary
Ken Fritzler	Joe Patterson
Bruce Gerk	Kent Pflager
Brian Kembel	Cody Poitz
Dan Kendrick	Carson Smart
Gene Manuello	Brad Stromberger

Directors absent:
Bob Mari - Excused

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.
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Approval of the July 14, 2026 board minutes
Director Poitz made the motion to approve the July 14, 2026 Board Minutes as submitted. Director Patterson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Finance report
Manager Frank presented the finance report for the month of July. Director Pflager then made the motion to approve payment of District checks 17965-17991 as well as Julesburg Recharge check #1303. Director Kembel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Public comment
None

Water rights monitoring

Division I Water Court Resume': No statements of opposition will be filed from the June Water Court Resume.'

Water activities enterprise
Julesburg Recharge Project: Revere School District has yet to pay their billing from the 2025 pumping season. An additional $100.00 per well will now be added to their bill.
Manager Frank stated that Ted Watchorn has agreed to move forward with payment towards adding the Watchorn Lake into the District's augmentation plan.
Director Patterson made the motion to include applicant Mason Chamberlain into the District's augmentation plan upon approval of Chamberlain's application for inclusion into the District. Director Kendrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Legal report
Manager Frank stated that the board will need to go into executive session later in the meeting to discuss the Platte Valley Water Partnership case 19CW3253 with the District's attorney.

President's report
None

Manager's report
Included in the Manager's report were the following:

Legislative matters
WRASP/Colorado Water Congress –
The Colorado Water Congress Summer Convention will be held on August 17th-20th in Steamboat Springs.
Manager Frank reviewed the upcoming discussion by the Colorado Water Congress board of directors and State Affairs Committee regarding State Affairs procedures and possible revisions for the future.

General matters
South Platte Compact –
Manager Frank discussed the Nebraska vs. Colorado lawsuit as well as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineering 404 permitting process.
South Platte Water Related Activities Program –
SPWRAP is working with Ducks Unlimited and Colorado Parks and Wildlife on design and construction on Well #17 at the Tamarack site.
South Platte Basin Roundtable –
The next meeting of the SPBRT will be held later today with a focus on Low and No Regrets for Conservation and Efficiency. Manager Frank also reported that the October meeting of the Roundtable will be held in Sterling.
Platte Valley Water Partnership –
Manager Frank noted that the Partnership is moving forward with stipulations on the water court case.
General Discussion –
Manager Frank will be starting preparation for the 2027 budget. The District should be receiving assessed valuations from Logan, Morgan, Sedgwick and Washington Counties later this month.

Executive session
At approximately 11:16 a.m. **Director Poitz 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 Gerk seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
President Fritzler adjourned the executive session and reconvened the board meeting at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Old business
None

New business
None

Adjournment
There being no further business, **Director Poitz made the motion to adjourn. Director Gerk seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:32 p.m.**

District secretary signature

Signature

Name and title