

Executive Committee Minutes

January 14, 2020

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 Director Joe Patterson. Board members present were Brian Kembel, Bob Mari, Jack McClary, Bryan Ruf, Carson Smart, Don Schneider and Brad Stromberger as well as staff members Manager Joe Frank, Rick Fleharty and Deanna Eskew. Guests included Bob and John Monheiser, Jim Yahn and Bruce Phillips.

Board Minutes:

Director Coyne made the motion to approve the December 10th and 17th Board Minutes. Director Manuello seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Coyne presented the financial report for the month of December. Treasurer Coyne made the motion to approve payment of District checks 15358 – 15408 and Julesburg Recharge checks 1068 - 1069. Director McClary seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

River Monitoring:

Division I Water Court Resume':

No Statements of opposition will be filed from the November 2019 Water Court Resume'.

The board will determine at the February meeting whether to file any statements of opposition from the December 2019 Water Court Resume'.

Julesburg Recharge Project:

- Billing for the 2019 pumping season for those members under the District's augmentation plan will be mailed out in the next few weeks after PRRIP accounting and payments are received from Jon Altenhofen and SPWRAP.

Heyborne Recharge Project:

- Diligence for the Heyborne Project will be due this April. Manager Frank will discuss the case with the SPWRAP board to determine how to proceed.

Legal Report:

Manager Frank will contact the District's attorney, Allyson Scott, to see if both she and Ryan Donovan would be able to meet with Lower's board at the next meeting on February 11, 2020.

President's Report:

President Fritzler reminded the board of the upcoming election of officers at next month's board meeting.

Manager's Report:

Included in Manager Frank's report were the following:

General Matters:

- Manager Frank and Jim Yahn Manager of the Prewitt Reservoir both updated the board on the District's water court filing 19CW3253 and its association with Prewitt Reservoir and surrounding areas. Bob and John Monheiser attended today's meeting to get information on the proposed project.
- South Platte Water Related Activities Program SPWRAP – Manager Frank reminded the board that SPWRAP will be holding their first quarterly meeting in Sterling at the District office on Thursday, January 16th at 9:30 a.m. Manager Frank also noted that the first increment of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program was extended for another 13 years.
- The next meeting of the NE Colorado Water Cooperative will be held on January 23rd at Morgan County Quality Water.
- Members of the South Platte Basin Roundtable will be meeting later today.
- The South Platte Regional Opportunities Water Group (SPROWG) will be submitting their draft report to the Advisory Committee this week with the final report out in March.
- Manager Frank will speak at the Salinity Educational Program on January 15th at the Gary DeSoto Bldg.
- It was decided that board meeting and executive committee meeting dates will again alternate months as in years past.

Legislative Matters:

- 2020 Bills of Interest that Manager Frank reviewed:
 1. HB20-1037 "Concerning the Colorado Water Conservation Board's authority to augment stream flows with acquired water rights that have been previously decreed for augmentation use".
 2. HB20-1072 Concerning a requirement that the University of Colorado study potential uses of emerging technologies to more effectively manage Colorado's water supply.
 3. SB20-008 "Concerning the enhancement of penalties for criminal violations of water quality laws".

4. Bill for An Act – Concerning the ability to use water that has been adjudicated for municipal use in an interconnected treated municipal water supply system if the historical consumptive use of the water right has already been quantified in a previous change of the water right.

Public Comment:

Bruce Phillips from the Division of Water Resources gave an update on river conditions in the District.

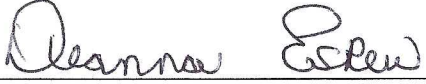
New Business: None

Old Business: None

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Director Coyne made the motion to adjourn. Director Mari seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:05 p.m.



Deanna Eskew, Secretary