

MINUTES¹
FOURTH REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
COLORADO RIVER WATER PROJECTS ENTERPRISE OF THE
COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

October 21, 2014

Pursuant to notice duly and properly given, the Fourth Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise of the Colorado River Water Conservation District (CRWCD) was held on Tuesday October 21, 2014 at the Hotel Denver, 402 7th Street, Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

Directors present during all or part of the meeting:

James Newberry, President	Jon Stavney, Vice President
Doug Monger	David H. Merritt
William S. Trampe	Tom Alvey
Tom Gray	Stephen M. Mathis
Andrew A. Mueller	Gary Martinez
John Ely	Rebie Hazard

Directors not present:

Kai Turner	John Justman
Stan Whinnery	

Others present during all or part of the meeting:

Eric Kuhn, General Manager, CRWCD
Peter Fleming, General Counsel, CRWCD
Dan Birch, Deputy General Manager, CRWCD
John Currier, Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD
Jason Turner, Senior Counsel, CRWCD
Audrey Turner, Administrative Chief, CRWCD
Ray Tenney, Deputy Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Dave Kanzer, Sr. Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD
Don Meyer, Sr. Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD
Hunter Causey, Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD
Mike Eytel, Water Resources Specialist, CRWCD
Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD
Dave Smith, Engineering Technician, CRWCD
Lorra Nichols, Paralegal, CRWCD
Denise Hussain, Records and Information Specialist, CRWCD
Martha Moore, Public Affairs Specialist, CRWCD
Alesha Frederick, Business Support Specialist, CRWCD
Dennis Webb, Daily Sentinel
Brent Gardner Smith, Aspen Journalism

Quorum.

President Newberry found a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:58 p.m.

¹An audio recording has been made of the meeting. The motions described herein may not necessarily represent a verbatim transcription. The audio recordings are available for listening at the CRWCD offices during regular office hours. These minutes are the official record of the Colorado River Water Conservation District's meeting.

Review and Approve Meeting Agenda and Objectives.

Director Trampe moved, seconded by Director Alvey, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda.

Director Mueller moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to approve the following consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Minutes of Third Regular Quarterly Meeting, July 16, 2014.
- b. Acceptance of Treasurer's Reports and Check Registers for June, July and August 2014.

Reservoir Status and Hydrology.

Wolford Mountain Reservoir:

John Currier reported that evaluation of the dam deformation at Wolford Mountain Reservoir is continuing with URS Engineering modeling the embankment behavior.

Elkhead Reservoir:

It was reported that there was minimum spilling at Elkhead Reservoir during the fill season, limiting the escape of non-native fish from the reservoir which compete with endangered fish in the Yampa River.

General Manager's Report.

Proposed Contract Approvals:

Director Monger moved, seconded by Director Gray, to authorize the River District to enter into contracts with the Colorado Water Conservation Board and AMEC in amounts not to exceed \$100,000 for Phase II of the Yampa/White/Green Basin Implementation Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Alvey moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to enter into a cost share agreement with Southwestern Water Conservation District, Front Range Water Council and the Nature Conservancy in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 each to fund a portion of the 2.c. next phase of the Water Bank feasibility study subject to review and approval by the General Counsel, annual appropriations and execution by the General Manager. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Alvey moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to enter into a funding agreement with Colorado State University (CSU) for research on split season irrigation by which the River District will remit funds from the Water Bank Feasibility funding partners to CSU subject to review and approval by General Counsel and approval and execution by the General Manager. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Mathis moved, seconded by Director Ely, to amend a Continuing Services Agreement (CSA) with URS Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 and to extend the CSA to January 31, 2016. Motion carried unanimously with Director Merritt abstaining from the vote.

General Counsel's Report.

Director Stavney moved, seconded by Director Mueller, to authorize, consistent with the terms of the 2005 Acquisition Agreement for the Elkhead Reservoir Enlargement, the execution of special warranty deeds for a 5,000 acre foot storage easement and 5,000 acre feet of the Elkhead Reservoir Enlargement water storage right to the Colorado Water Conservation Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Trampe moved, seconded by Director Hazard, to ratify a Statement of Opposition in Application for Change of Water Rights in Grand River Ranch Owners Association, Case No. 14CW3019, Water Division 5, and authorize counsel to execute a stipulation resolving the River District's opposition in Case No. 14CW30129, Water Division 5. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Hearing.

President Newberry opened the 2015 budget hearing.

Eric Kuhn reported that the budget notice was published in local papers and that copies of the budget were sent to each county to be posted and was available to the public at the district office and on the district's website. Comments were requested from the public on the website. No public comment was received.

Resolution for 2014 Enterprise Fund Budget Amendments:

Director Mathis moved, seconded by Director Ely, to adopt a resolution summarizing expenditures and revenues for the Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise and adopting an amended budget for the Colorado River Water Conservation District acting by and through its Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise for the calendar year beginning on the first day of January 2014 and ending on the last day of December 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution to Adopt 2015 Enterprise Fund Budget:

Director Stavney moved, seconded by Director Monger, to adopt a resolution summarizing expenditures and revenues for the Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise and adopting a budget for the Colorado River Water Conservation District acting by and through its Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise for the calendar year beginning on the first day of January 2014 and ending on the last day of December 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money:

Director Mueller moved, seconded by Director Alvey, to adopt a resolution appropriating sums of money to the Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise of the Colorado River Water Conservation District acting by and through its Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise in the amount of \$12,822,230 and for the purpose as set forth below for the 2015 budget year. Motion carried unanimously. (The resolutions are attached as Appendices A-C)

President Newberry closed the budget hearing.


Adjourn.

There being no other business before the Board, President Newberry adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.



Jon Stavney, President

ATTEST:



R. Eric Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager