

MINUTES¹
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AND OF THE COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS COLORADO RIVER WATER PROJECTS ENTERPRISE

February 2, 2017

Pursuant to notice duly and properly given, a special joint meeting telephone conference of the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Water Conservation District (CRWCD) and of the Colorado River Water Conservation District acting by and through its Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise was held on Thursday, February 2, 2017, at the offices of the Colorado River District, 201 Centennial Street, Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

Directors participating during all or part of the meeting:

Tom Alvey, President	David H. Merritt, Vice President
Steve Acquafresca	Mike Ritschard
Kathy Chandler-Henry	Karn Stiegelmeier
John Ely	William S. Trampe
Rebie Hazard	Martha Whitmore
Doug Monger	

Directors not participating:

Marc Catlin	Alden Vanden Brink
Tom Gray	Stan Whinnery

Others participating during all or part of the meeting:

Dan Birch, Deputy General Manager, CRWCD
John Currier, Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD
Peter Fleming, General Counsel, CRWCD
Mary Kalmes, Chief Accountant, CRWCD
Eric Kuhn, General Manager, CRWCD
Ian Philips, Senior Accountant, CRWCD
Jim Pokrandt, Director, Community Affairs, CRWCD
Ray Tenney, Deputy Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD
Audrey Turner, Administrative Chief, CRWCD
Jason Turner, Senior Counsel, CRWCD
Torie Jarvis, Northwest Colorado Council of Governments, Q/Q Committee
Danny Williams, Williams+Simpson

Quorum.

President Alvey found a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Review Meeting Agenda and Objectives.

Peter Fleming requested an additional agenda item for the acceptance of director credentials from Pitkin County and for approval for the River District to enter into a common interest agreement with Grand County.

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to amend the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

Presentation and Report of Directors' Credentials for Mesa and Pitkin Counties.

Eric Kuhn reported that executed credentials from Mesa and Pitkin Counties have been received by the River District. (The credentials are attached as Appendices A. and B.)

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Trampe to accept the credentials for Steve Acquafresca as Director from Mesa County. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Hazard moved, seconded by Director Trampe to accept the credentials for John Ely as Director from Pitkin County. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment to Kobe Water Authority Board.

Jason Turner provided the history and background information on the Kobe Water Authority.

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Merritt, to appoint Director Acquafresca and Director Merritt to serve on the Kobe Water Authority Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Enter Into Common Interest Agreement with Grand County.

The River District has shared goals with Grand County in improving water clarity in Grand Lake. The Bureau of Reclamation has begun a NEPA process on Grand Lake clarity and the River District and Grand County anticipate jointly hiring consultants to analyze the NEPA work.

Director Trampe moved, seconded by Director Ritschard, to enter into a Common Interest Agreement regarding Grand Lake clarity. Motion carried unanimously.

State Affairs:

SB17-117: CONCERNING CONFIRMATION THAT INDUSTRIAL HEMP IS A RECOGNIZED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT FOR WHICH A PERSON WITH A WATER RIGHT DECREED FOR AGRICULTURAL USE MAY USE THE WATER SUBJECT TO THE WATER RIGHT FOR INDUSTRIAL HEMP CULTIVATION.

This bill confirms that an agricultural water right may be used for irrigation of industrial hemp, subject to registration with Colorado Department of Agricultural.

Director Monger moved, seconded by Director Hazard, to **monitor SB 17-117**. Motion carried unanimously.

HJR17-1003: CONCERNING APPROVAL OF WATER PROJECT REVOLVING FUND ELIGIBILITY LISTS ADMINISTERED BY THE COLORADO WATER RESOURCES AND POWER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

This is the annual resolution approving eligible projects for drinking water and wastewater funding through the state revolving loan funds. One provision includes \$5 million from the Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund.

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Merritt, to **support HJR 17-1003**. Motion carried unanimously.

HJR 17-1004: CONCERNING FUNDING FOR THE PREVENTION OF AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES IN COLORADO.

Resolves that aquatic nuisance species (ANS) must be avoided or mitigated in Colorado waters. The focus of the resolution is calling for federal agency participation in existing ANS inspection, prevention and mitigation programs, especially zebra and quagga mussels prevention.

Director Trampe moved, seconded by Director Chandler-Henry, to **support HJR 17-1004**. Motion carried unanimously.

Severance tax distribution - staff was directed to draft a policy on severance tax distribution for review during the April quarterly board meeting.

Amend Agenda.

Peter Fleming requested an additional amendment to the agenda for proposed approval of a contract with Inland Potable Services, Inc. for work on the Elkhead Reservoir dam guide anchor remediation.

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Hazard, to amend the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

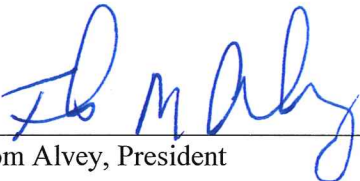
Approval of Contract with Inland Potable Service, Inc.

Ray Tenney provided background information on work needed at Elkhead Reservoir on the outlet tower.

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to approve a contract with Inland Potable Services, Inc., regarding Elkhead Reservoir dam guide anchor remediation, not to exceed \$225,000. Motion carried unanimously.

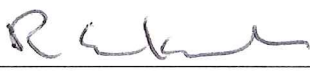
Adjourn.

There being no other business before the Board, President Alvey adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m.



Tom Alvey, President

ATTEST:



R. Eric Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager