

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

December 6, 2017

Pursuant to notice duly and properly given, a special joint meeting 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 Wednesday December 6, 2017 at Colorado Mesa University, 1255 North Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado..

Directors present during all or part of the meeting:

Tom Alvey, President	David H. Merritt, Vice President
Mike Ritschard	Marc Catlin
Al Vanden Brink	Tom Gray
Doug Monger	Kathy Chandler-Henry
Rebie Hazard	

Directors not present:

Stan Whinnery	Martha Whitmore
John Ely	Karn Stiegelmeier
William S. Trampe	Steven Acquafresca

Others present during all or part of the meeting:

Eric Kuhn, General Manager, CRWCD
Andrew A. Mueller, Incoming General Manager, CRWCD
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD
Jason Turner, Senior Counsel, CRWCD
Audrey Turner, Administrative Chief, CRWCD
Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD
Brent Gardner-Smith, Aspen Journalism
Patrick Coleman, Mesa County Attorney
Jeff Comstock, Natural Resources Director, Moffat County
Bonnie Peterson, Executive Director, AGNC
Derek Wagner, Vice President, Intergovernmental and Community Affairs, CMU

County Commissioners present during all or part of the meeting:

Shawn Bolton, Rio Blanco County	Jeff Rector, Rio Blanco County
John Martin, Garfield County	Mike Samson, Garfield County
Merrit Linke, Grand County	Kirsten Manguso, Grand County
Richard Cimino, Grand County	Rachel Richards, Pitkin County
Don Cook, Moffat County	Ray Beck, Moffat County
Scott McInnis, Mesa County	John Justman, Mesa County
Rose Pugliese, Mesa County	Don Suppes, Delta County
Phil Chamberland Gunnison County	Ben Tisdell, Ouray County

Quorum.

President Alvey found a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.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.

Discussion with County Commissioners of Various Counties Located Within River District Boundaries.

President Alvey welcomed meeting attendees and provided background information on the composition of the River District Board, (one director appointed by each board of county commissioners of the 15 counties within the River District boundaries) and described the Board's role to provide direction, policies, and oversight of the River District. He also discussed the River District's mission to protect and develop western Slope water resources and noted the benefits of being unified on the West Slope to further that mission which is also supported by the expertise of the District's staff.

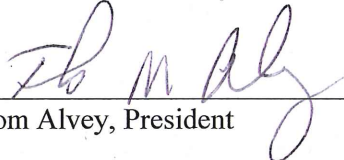
Incoming General Manager Andy Mueller provided a brief history of the River District's organic statute, history and mission, and discussed the District's future. Mr. Mueller also noted the continuing priorities of open communications with District constituents and maintaining ongoing transparency of the organization.

Eric Kuhn followed with a brief synopsis of the District's daily operations such as management of its water marketing program, operation and maintenance of two reservoirs (Wolford and Elkhead), management of state and federal grant funds for the benefit of water districts and users within the River District, participation in both state and federal legislative and regulatory matters, and educational and outreach efforts, and noted achievements of the District over the course of its 80-year history.

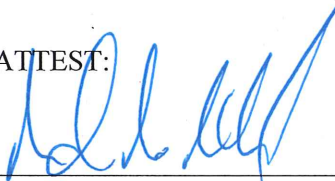
County commissioners raised questions regarding the District's budget, the various funds (General, Enterprise and Capital Projects) and their uses, the District's hiring processes, the role various staff members fill, and public educational efforts. There was a discussion of developing an educational outline about the River District geared for new county commissioners, possibly holding an annual River District/commissioners meeting, and a request for additional information on Capital Projects Fund expenditures over the past five years. Also requested was a review of hiring processes that will be scheduled for the January 2018 quarterly board meeting. Mr. Mueller relayed that he and various staff members will be attending a meeting of each board of county commissioners for further discussions in the near future and emphasized the importance of a unified West Slope in dealing with water issues.

Adjourn.

There being no other business before the Board, President Alvey adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.



Tom Alvey, President

ATTEST:


Andrew A. Mueller, Secretary/General Manager