DRAFT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS OF THE PROJECT 7 WATER AUTHORITY

September 25, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Project 7 Water Authority was held September 25, 2025 in the conference room of the Project 7 Treatment Plant site, Montrose, Colorado.

Directors Present:
Jake Foreman
Randy Meaker
Vicki Ripp
Matt Miles
Doug Glaspell-Alt
Kevin Carlson-remote

Others Present:
Jerry Young
Adam Turner
Tessa Scharf
Miles Graham
Rick Huggins
Patti Hill
Mike Huston
John McMillan
Greg Swartz
Marci Miles
Gail Marvel
Wayne Schieldt
Kathy Calkins
Rick Hill
Leroy Foreman
(Mavis Fitzgerald, Jessica, Johnson,
James Silvestro-remote)

Chairman Jake Foreman called the regular meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Following roll call, a quorum was declared present.

September Minutes
Following review of the minutes, Mr. Doug Glaspell moved to accept the minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting August 28, 2025 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Randy Meaker and carried unanimously.

Changes to the Agenda
No changes

Public Comment
Chairman Jake Foreman asked if there was any Public Comment. Mr. Richard Hill, Mr. Mike Huston, and Mrs. Patti Hill all voiced concerns about the necessity and cost of the resiliency project, worthiness of the Gunnison tunnel, and reliant legal counsel.

Chairman Foreman asked Mr. Randy Meaker to speak to the Board and Public at this time. Mr. Meaker said he had been part of the Project 7 Board of Directors for about 25 years. He said in 1995-2000 the current plant was modified to increase the amount of water it could treat due to the growing population it serves. Mr. Meaker felt that the Board was more united a few years ago in building the resiliency project, and that in 2013 the Board had HDR do a risk analysis. He said multiple options were considered by consulting engineers, professional advisors, and financial advisors. Mr. Meaker said that certain entities had questions and concerns about a resiliency project and how cost allocation would be managed. He said he felt that the Board should try to come back to a point where they were unified and represent to the Public the direction that they were going. He suggested at this time going back to the 2013 risk proposal and having it up-dated. Mr. Rick Huggins said a basic update to the risk assessment could cost $30,000 to $40,000.

Mr. Matt Miles responded that the Chipeta Board doesn't understand why Project 7 is trying to move forward with the resiliency project when they don't have the financing for the $185 million project. Mr. Miles said that Mr. Greg Swartz had given Chipeta's Board five criteria that would have to be met before Project 7 could move forward any further and Mr. Miles said none of those criteria have been met. Mr. Matt Miles said that we should hit the pause button.

Consumption Report
Consumption Reports for August 2025 were reviewed.

Cash Flow Report
The Manager reported on the cash flow report for August 2025.

Process Control Report
The Process Control Report for August 2025 was reviewed.

Updates
Manager report handout; see attached.
Chairman Foreman directed that the minutes reflect acceptance of the Manager's Reports.

Legal Update
Mr. James Silvestro (via zoom) said the first item on his agenda was Fiscal Operation Policies. He circulated a revised version that he thinks is ready for further discussion or final action. Mr. Silvestro said that he had a request from Mr. Matt Miles to table any action on this item. A letter sent to Mr. Silvestro from Chipeta Water District, was handed out prior to the Board meeting, had questions about the Fiscal Operations Policies. Mr. Silvestro asked the Board for direction how he should proceed. Mr. Silvestro said he would clarify concerns with Chipeta and Mr. Matt Miles and come back as an action item in October.

Consultant Contracting Update was the next item of business. Mr. Silvestro said that with Manager Turner and his legal assistants they were doing the best to follow the direction of the Board on entering into contracts. Mr. Silvestro said Manager Turner has the authority and ability to entertain and enter into professional contracts. The Board decided to not move forward with a new contract with GBSM and have GBSM remain under contract under the Garver contract. Questions about the necessity of having Garver services were raised and Manager Turner said that Ms. Jessica Johnson was consulting on the Fairview Reservoir repair so that the reservoir could be properly inspected. And also the pH adjustment at the current WTP.

Mr. James Silvestro asked the Board if he could take the existing DA Davidson scope and put it on the form contract that the Board has seen and approved and was told yes.

Resiliency Update

At this time the Board agreed to move New Business Item C. Tri-County Water Conservancy District, Funding Sources and Uses. Mr. Jerry Young Manager of Tri-County Water gave a presentation on TCWCD funding sources and revenue. Mr. Young said TCWCD is a CRS Title 37 Special District, and was formed as BOR contracting agency/partner for (1) 25% of tax to BOR, (2) water supply, irrigation, (3) flood control, and (4) recreation. TCWCD was set up as a contracting agency for the Dallas Creek Project.

Mr. Rick Huggins said as for the IGA updates that he would wait a month or two for an update.

Mr. Miles Graham said that the wind event that Project 7 had got great coverage from the local newspapers and radio and was the most clicked-on story in the Daily Press. It highlighted the tireless work of the staff at Project 7 Water Treatment Plant who are here 24-7. Mr. Graham touched briefly on some of the funding updates since the August Meeting.

Old Business

Mr. Greg Swartz gave an update on the Cost Allocation Study. All Board Members were given a P7WA Cost Allocation Study Technical Memorandum. Mr. Swartz asked everyone to look at it, it includes input from financial volunteers from each entity. The Peer rate study included rate impact, rate comparison, cost allocation, rating, and member agency actions. Mr. Swartz said he would like to finalize this by the October Meeting.

New Business

Manager Turner discussed the preliminary 2026 Budget. He said he bases the budget on the 5 year average, certain items like Legal expenses, and professional services were raised. Manager Turner said the Authority would be hiring a part time CFO after the first of the year. This will be an action-item at the October 23, 2025 meeting.

Mrs. Vicki Ripp asked to have the Manager’s Salary added as an agenda item at the October 23, 2025 Board Meeting as an action item.

After much discussion on the two different Resolutions presented setting 2026 rates, Mrs. Vicki Ripp made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-4 (presented as option #1), which is the volumetric and base rate resolution as presented by Mr. Greg Swartz. Mr. Randy Meaker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item D. Risk Assessment. Mrs. Vicki Ripp made a motion to update the 2013 risk assessment. Mr. Randy Meaker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Chairman Jake Foreman adjourned the Meeting at 7:35pm

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Chairman

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Secretary