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

JANUARY 22, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Project 7 Water Authority was held January 22, 2026 in the conference room of the Project 7 Treatment Plant site, Montrose, Colorado.

Directors Present:	**Others Present:**	
Jake Foreman	Kathy Calkins	Elise Thatcher
Randy Meaker	Adam Turner	Greta Stetson
David Bries	Tessa Scharf	Gail Marvel
Matt Miles	Jay Thoe	Aimee Housh
Vicki Ripp	Rick Huggins	Leroy Foreman
Kevin Carlson	Gail Marvel	David White
	Eric Replogle	Greg Swartz
	Greg Stander	Miles Graham
	(James Silvestro, Mavis Fitzgerald, Jessica Johnson – remote)	

Chairman Jake Foreman called the regular meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Following roll call, a quorum was declared present.

December Minutes

Following review of the minutes, Mrs. Vicki Ripp moved to accept the minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting and Budget Hearing December 11, 2025 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Randy Meaker and carried unanimously.

Changes to the Agenda

None

Public Comment

Chairman Jake Foreman asked if there was any Public Comment. There was none.

Consumption Report
Consumption Reports for December 2025 showed usage was up 70 million above the previous year.

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

Process Control Report
There was no Process Control Report for December 2025.

Updates
Mrs. Vicki Ripp asked Manager Turner if Mayberry Accounting Firm was still going to do the 2025 Audit. He said yes and that Project 7 would also have the help of the part time CFO to help streamline the process.

Although the process of interviewing prospects for hiring a CFO was not on the agenda Manager Turner and Mr. Greg Swartz reported that they had found a company that they liked and would be getting them under contract with Mr. James Silvestro in the upcoming week. Mr. Greg Swartz said that by February or March the Board could have a meet and greet session.

Chairman Foreman directed that the minutes reflect acceptance of the Manager's Reports.

Legal Update
Mr. James Silvestro (via zoom) presented the 2026 Meeting Calander and Open Meeting Law Resolution to the Board. Resolution 2026-1 designates the location where the meeting notices were to be placed and the website. Regular meeting time can be adjusted by the prerogative of the Board. Chairman Foreman asked if there was any more discussion.

Mrs. Vicki Ripp made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-1 as presented. Mr. Kevin Carlson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. James Silvestro said the release of liability for the wind event settlement with the Browns was signed and settled before Christmas last month.

Peer Rate Study Update
Mr. Greg Swartz said that the original version of the rate study had been changed. That going by zip code the information was more precise than by county or community level. He said that he would present a complete summary at the Board meeting in February with the Boards approval.

New Business
Manager Turner asked the Board for direction on pursuing an easement that Ms. Jessica Johnson from Garver had been working on for the last couple of years. After discussion it was agreed upon to pursue negotiations with Delgado/Jones.

Mrs. Vicki Ripp moved to go forward with the Delgado/Jones negotiations for the next 90 days. Mr. Kevin Carlson Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Foreman asked if there was any more business.

Mrs. Vicki Ripp made a motion to form a technical committee, with members from each entity staff or board to move forward with alternatives for the resiliency project. Mr. David Bries seconded. Mr. James Silvestro proposed an amendment to the motion to confirm that the subcommittee will not have authority to make any binding commitments or decisions on behalf of the Authority.

Mrs. Vicki Ripp amended her motion that the technical committee would only be able to provide recommendations and information. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Chairman Foreman adjourned the meeting at 5:35 pm.

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Chairman

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Secretary