

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

April 25, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Project 7 Water Authority was held April 25, 2024 in the conference room of the Project 7 Treatment Plant site, Montrose, Colorado.

Directors Present:

Randy Meaker
Jake Foreman
David Bries
Kevin Carlson
Kathy Calkins - Alt

Others Present:

Adam Turner	Fred Waldman
Tessa Scharf	Tim Rynders
Miles Graham	Meagan Lundgren
Rick Huggins	John McMillan
Doug Glaspell	

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

March Minutes

Following review of the minutes, Mrs. Kathy Calkins moved to accept the minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting March 28, 2024 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Carlson and carried unanimously.

At this time Mr. Randy Meaker asked if the draft minutes could be completed and emailed out to the Board of Directors the week following the meeting. Manager Turner said every effort would be made.

Changes to the Agenda

Under New Business Items A and B were moved down to add Colorado House bill concerning special districts as Item A.

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

Resiliency Update

Mr. Miles Graham reported that presentation dates were set up with all the governing bodies for May. Representatives from Garver, McCarthy/CDM Smith, and Project 7 staff will give updates on the resiliency plan that will include future rate increases.

Mr. Rick Huggins said that the Title XVI award notice could be in May or June, and that they were submitting designs, environmental assessments and concerns, special use permits, etc. for CDPHE and WIFIA funds.

Mr. Tim Rynders and Ms. Meagan Lundgren gave an update on the pipeline design progress. In April/May they were working on supplemental fieldwork; utility location efforts, alignment, penstock connections and supplemental geotechnical investigations. Mr. Rynders said that he was coordinating final design meetings with Bureau of Reclamation, Tri-County and CDOT. Ms. Lundgren said looking ahead for the next month releasing preselection package for bidding, finalizing major drawing work for Building Mech, Electrical and Instrumentation.

Consumption Report

Consumption Reports for March 2024 were reviewed.

Cash Flow Report

The Manager reported on the cash flow report for March 2024 revenues are up due to the rate increase and interest income.

Process Control Report

The Process Control Report for March 2024 was reviewed.

Updates

Manager report handout; see attached.

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

New Business

Mrs. Kathy Calkins and Mr. Miles Graham reported that the Colorado House was considering a Bill to place restrictions on tap fees for Special Districts. This Bill if passed could be a State mandate and replace local control over Special Districts to level development tap fees.

The Board decided at this time to continue on with an open meeting and to dispense with an Executive Session.

Manager Turner reported that a neighboring piece of property to the proposed resiliency plant was for sale and possible foreclosure. He said owning this parcel would be very advantageous for the resiliency project as it could save money by eliminating overflow pipeline to the river, eliminate road work to top of the site and associated earthwork and eliminate possible retaining wall. The remaining property and house could be sold after competition of the project.

After discussion Mr. David Bries proposed to have Manager Turner go forward into looking to purchase the property. Chairman Jake Foreman asked for a motion. Mr. David Bries moved to give authorization to Manager Turner to pursue buying the property at a reasonable price. Mr. Randy Meaker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Mr. Kevin Carlson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Kathy Calkins - Alt seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary