

# **TRI-COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

January 15, 2025

**Present:** Jack Sibold, Vicki Ripp, David Kienholz, Jan McCracken, Chris Collin, Wayne Schieldt, Ted Collin, Leslie Walker, Glen Black, Zack Ahlberg, Jack Flowers, Jim Hokit, Steve Glammeyer  
**Virtual:** Richard Wojciechowski, Joanne Fagan  
**Absent:**  
**TCW Staff:** Jerry Young (Jerry), Mike Berry (Mike), Sandy Flowers  
**Attorney:** David Skarka (David)  
**Public:** Pete Foster, Wright Water Engineers (virtual)

## **Call Session to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President, Vicki Ripp. A quorum was present.

## **Changes to the Agenda**

➤ None

## **Approval of Minutes December 11, 2024 Regular Meeting**

Wayne Schieldt moved to approve the minutes. Jack Flowers seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## **Handouts**

Vicki Ripp asked for questions or comments on the handouts.

## **Project 7 Report – Vicki Ripp**

Wayne Schieldt provided the Project 7 Report. Next Project 7 meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2025, at 4:30 pm at the Project 7 treatment plant.

## **Attorney’s Report**

### **Diligence Strategic Plan Discussion with Pete Foster, Ouray County Water Rights Application (2019 Application), Ram’s Horn / Dallas Divide Diligence (2021 Application), Sneva Reservoir and Dallas Divide Reservoir Enlargement Diligence (2023 Application)**

David introduced the above listed topics and announced the Board will convene in Executive Session as allowed by 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., “Conferences with an attorney for the public entity to receive legal advice on specific legal questions. Mere presence of the attorney is not sufficient.” Steve Glammeyer moved the Board convene in Executive Session under as allowed 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. Zack Ahlberg seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Pete Foster was invited into the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Diligence Strategic Plan, Ram’s Horn / Dallas Divide Diligence Application and the Sneva Reservoir and Dallas Divide Reservoir Enlargement Diligence Application. Pete Foster was excused for the Ouray County Water Rights Application discussion. Wayne Schieldt moved to reconvene the regular meeting and directed the minutes reflect the Board did not stray from the announced topics for the Executive Session. Glen Black seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **Exchange Agreement Water Rights (2023 Application)**

David reported on the status of the Exchange Agreement water rights application.

## **Manager's Report**

### **Ridgway Dam Operations - Update**

Jerry reported on the status of Ridgway Reservoir stating the April through July snowpack is forecasted at 95% of normal which equates to approximately 87,000 AF. The reservoir elevation is currently about one foot below the fish screen.

### **Project 7 South Pipeline Design – Update**

Jerry announced two, possibly three subcommittees will be formed for this project. Two to develop IGA's between the entities of Project 7 which Jerry will attend and another to develop financial strategy for the project which Sandy Flowers will attend.

### **Delinquent Account Tap Repossession – Board Action**

Jerry reviewed the delinquent account policy stating the account must be more than one year delinquent and over \$750.00. Details regarding the repossession of tap #4056 were provided to the Board including dates of required notices sent according to policy. Steve Glammeyer moved to repossess tap #4056 located at 14499 6355 Road in Montrose. Leslie Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Dispenser Water Rate Increase - Update**

Jerry updated the Board on action taken by staff to increase the dispenser water rates from \$3.75 to \$4.50 per thousand gallons as of January 2, 2025. Wayne Schieldt moved to retroactively approved the dispenser water rate increase as stated. Zack Ahlberg seconded. Wayne Schieldt moved to amend his motion to include the word “all” dispenser water rates. Zack Ahlberg seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **2026 O&M Charges – Ridgway Irrigation and M&I Water**

Jerry reviewed the spreadsheet and after some discussion the topic was tabled until the next Board meeting.

### **2026 O&M Charges – Ouray County Water Purchase from Reclamation**

After some discussion this topic was tabled until the next Board meeting.

### **Announcements**

- UVWUA – Annual Meeting – February 4 – 11:00 am – Event Center
- Board Meeting – Wednesday, February 19, 9:00 am – Tri-County
- Snow School for Snow & Avalanche Studies – Feb 19-21 – Silverton
- Rocky Mountain Section AWWA – Action Now – March 13 - 8a – 4p – Event Center

### **Public Comment / Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 am.

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Vicki Ripp, President

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Christine Collin, Secretary