

TRI-COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

August 15, 2024

Present: Ted Collin, Jack Sibold, Steve Glammeyer, Richard Wojciechowski, Vicki Ripp, Jack Flowers, Jim Hokit, David Kienholz, Zack Ahlberg, Jan McCracken, Joanne Fagan, Glen Black, Christine Collin

Virtual: Leslie Walker

Absent: Wayne Schieldt

TCW Staff: Jerry Young (Jerry), Mike Berry (Mike), Sandy Flowers

Attorney: David Skarka (David)

Public: None

Call Session to Order

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

Welcome New Board Member

Welcome Chirstine Collin new Director for Montrose.

Changes to the Agenda

- Number 3, Add the language “July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting”
- Number 6, Approval of Minutes August 6, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting
- Number 7, Motion to ratify the decision of the August 6, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting
- Attorney’s report – 8. D. Fairview Reservoir Update
- Attorney’s report – 8. E. Attorney’s response to questions previously asked by Directors
- Renumber all other agenda items accordingly.

Approval of Minutes July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting

Steve Glammeyer moved to approve the minutes. Jack Flowers seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes August 6, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting

Jack Flowers moved to approve the minutes. Richard Wojciechowski seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Handouts

Vicki asked for questions or comments on the handouts.

Project 7 Report – Vicki Ripp

Vicki Ripp provided the Project 7 update.

Motion to Ratify Executive Committee Decision of August 6, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting

Steve Glammeyer moved to ratify the decision of the Executive Committee on August 6, 2024, to direct Jerry to sign the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association agreement to purchase an additional 4,000 AF of irrigation water out of the Administrative pool in Ridgway Reservoir.

BOR / UVWUA Contract for Additional Irrigation Water – O&M – Board Decision

The question came before the Board: Should Tri-County Water charge additional O&M fees on the 4,000 AF of water purchased by UVWUA in WY 2024. Jim Hokit made a motion to waive O&M charges on the additional 4,000 AF purchased for this season. David Kienholz seconded and the motion carried unanimously. General consensus concluded that a Memorandum of Understanding should be in place for future purchases of additional irrigation water by UVWUA.

Attorney's Report

Attorney's response to questions previously asked by Directors

David responded to a question asked regarding the requirement to seek approval of the voters prior to entering into an agreement to change service area boundaries. The answer to that question is no. David also responded to a question posed by a Director regarding Tri-County's authorization to continue to collect funds through a mill levy after the Dallas Creek Project is paid off and the answer to that question is yes.

Ouray County Water Rights Application (2019 Application) and 21CW3064 2021 Opposition Case

David provided an update on the Ouray County Water Rights Application (2019 Application).

Exchange Agreement Water Rights (2023 Application)

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

Ram's Horn / Dallas Divide Diligence Case (2021 Application) and Sneva Reservoir and Dallas Divide Reservoir Enlargement Diligence (2023 Application)

David reported on the status of the Ram's Horn / Dallas Divide Diligence Case and the Sneva Reservoir and Dallas Divide Reservoir Enlargement Diligence Application.

Manager's Report

August 1 CBRFC Runoff Forecast

Jerry reported the August 1 runoff forecast was at 77% of average with 71,000 AF of snowmelt into the reservoir. Rainfall at the end of June added to the runoff, however, the month of July was dry. August is promising with additional rainfall and the reservoir is beginning to fill.

Wright Water Engineers – Diligence Strategic Plan - Update

Jerry reported on the status of the Wright Water Engineers Diligence Strategic Plan.

Verification of Reservoir Capacity - Update

Jerry reported on the status of the Reservoir Capacity stating work is underway to measure the current capacity of the Reservoir.

Ouray County 2025 O&M Letter – Discussion

Jerry updated the group on the status of the Ouray County 2025 O&M Letter.

Manager's Report Continued:

Energy Wise Program – Continuation – Board Discussion

Jerry announced the 2024 fall quote from AM Conservation was just under \$5000. After some discussion, Ted Collin moved not to continue to fund the program. Richard Wojciechowski seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Other avenues to teach water conservation will be explored.

Project 7 South 30% Pipeline Design - Update

Jerry outlined the design changes and the possibility of requiring Tri-County Water to perform a hydraulic performance analysis on the project. After some discussion Jerry will contact the Project 7 Design Team with concerns raised by the Board.

Announcements

- Board Meeting – Wednesday September 18th, 9:00 am – Tri-County Water
- CRD Annual Water Seminar – Friday, September 20, 8:30 to 3:30 CMU
- CRWUA Annual Convention – December 4-6, Las Vegas Paris Hotel

Public Comment / Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Vicki Ripp, President

Joanne Fagan, Secretary