

TRI-COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

October 16, 2024

Present: Jack Sibold, Vicki Ripp, Jim Hokit, David Kienholz, Jan McCracken, Christine Collin, Wayne Schieldt, Ted Collin, Leslie Walker, Richard Wojciechowski, Glen Black

Virtual: Steve Glammeyer, Joanne Fagan

Absent: Zack Ahlberg, Jack Flowers

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

Attorney: David Skarka (David)

Public: Jeff Deery and Ella Bump, Colorado Dust On Snow (CODOS)

Call Session to Order

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

Changes to the Agenda

- Colorado Dust On Snow (CODOS) presentation Jeff Deery and Ella Bump, added after number 4 Handouts. All others were renumbered accordingly.

Approval of Minutes September 18, 2024 Regular Meeting

Richard Wojciechowski moved to approve the minutes. Leslie Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Handouts

Vicki asked for questions or comments on the handouts.

Colorado Dust On Snow – Presentation – Jeff Deery and Ella Bump

Jeff Derry presented the 2023-2024 water year recap and additional monitoring strategies to be used in 2025. Jan McCracken moved to fund CODOS \$5,000 in 2025. Jim Hokit seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Staff will notify Jeff of the Board's decision on the funding request.

Project 7 Report – Vicki Ripp

Vicki provided the Project 7 Report.

3rd Quarter Financial Reports – Sandy Flowers

The third quarter 2024 financial statements were reviewed.

Attorney's Report

Exchange Agreement Water Rights (2023 Application)

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

Attorney's Report Continued:

Ouray County Water Rights Application (2019 Application), Rams Horn / Dallas Divide Diligence (2021 Application), Sneva Reservoir and Dallas Divide Reservoir Enlargement Diligence (2023 Application)

David introduced the above topics and announced the Board will convene in Executive Session. Wayne Schieldt moved the Board 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." Leslie Walker seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Richard Wojciechowski moved to reconvene the meeting and directed the minutes reflect the Board did not stray from the announced topic for the Executive Session. Glen Black seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report

Ridgway Dam Operations - Update

Jerry reported on the status of Ridgway Dam stating the levels remain fairly high for this time of year. With inflows matching outflows we are currently only running the little generator. The forecast shows a light winter so by keeping storage just above average we should be in good shape going into the spring.

Wright Water Engineers – Diligence Strategic Plan - Update

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

Ouray County 2025 O&M Letter – Update

Jerry and David updated the group on the status of the Ouray County 2025 O&M Letter. It is complete with minor changes and has been signed by Ouray County. Glen Black made a motion to approve the signing of the agreement as amended. Ted Collin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Project 7 South 30% Pipeline Design – Update

Jerry updated the Board on the status of the Project 7 South design. More information will follow at the November Board Meeting.

2025 Preliminary Budget - Review

The 2025 Preliminary Budget was reviewed.

Contract for Services – Don Moreland and Associates

Jerry presented the 2025 contract for audit services from Don Moreland and Associates. Jim Hokit moved to accept the contract. Richard Wojciechowski seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

FMLA Policy, Disability Policy, Leave Without Pay Policy, Workers Compensation Policy – Board Approval

Jerry and Sandy presented the policies as listed above for consideration. Jan McCracken moved to accept the above policies as presented. Leslie Walker seconded and the motion carried with Richard Wojciechowski abstaining.

Announcements

- West Slope Water Summit – November 14 – 8:00 am – 2:30 pm Event Center Free
- Farm & Ranch Innovation Expo – November 15 & 16 – Montrose County Event Center Free
- Board Meeting – Wednesday November 20, 9:00 am – Tri-County Water
- Colorado Water Congress – Jan 28 – 31 – Hyatt Regency Denver Aurora

Public Comment / Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.

Vicki Ripp, President

Christine Collin, Secretary