

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LA PLATA ARCHULETA WATER DISTRICT
HELD
November 12, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors ("Board") of the La Plata Archuleta Water District and Sundance/Farraday Subdistrict No. 1, La Plata County, Colorado, ("District") was held on November 12, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. Due to public health concerns this meeting was held with no more than ten people in personal attendance in the District Office, all wearing masks and self-distanced due to the arrangement of the tables and chairs. Others called in to the meeting. Links and call-in information were provided.

ATTENDANCE:

Directors in Attendance Were:

Dick Lunceford
Dan Lynn
Gregg Johnson
Ron Dent
Mark Williams

Also in Attendance Were:

Ed Tolen La Plata Archuleta Water District Manager
Yvonne Brunson, La Plata Archuleta Water District Customer Service Representative
Cheryl Lynn, Secretary to the Board

Also in Attendance via Telephone Were:

Steve Harris, Harris Water Engineering
Dave Henry, Harris Water Engineering
Barb Prose, FredrickZink & Associates
Karmen King, Grayling LLC
David Greher, Collins Cockrel and Cole
Micki Mills, Collins Cockrel and Cole

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Lunceford called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

DISCLOSURE OF
POTENTIAL CONFLICTS
OF INTEREST

Disclosure of potential conflicts of interest will be a topic of discussion at every Board meeting to address potential conflicts of interests that may arise as new agenda items are introduced. District Directors who have disclosed potential conflicts of interest can vote as issues arise. Directors present reported no conflicts of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public were present via Zoom, via telephone, or in the District Office.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Upon motion duly made by Director Dent, seconded by Director Lynn, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the October 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented, subject to amendments presented by Mr. Henry.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Approval and Payment of Invoices – Mr. Tolen distributed the October 2020 Accounts Payable Report and October 2020 Accountant's Compilation Report to Directors present at the meeting who reviewed the documents, clarifying information contained in the documents as necessary. Upon motion duly made by Director Williams, seconded by Director Dent, and unanimously carried the Board approved payment of invoices as shown on the attached Accounts Payable statement dated November 11, 2020.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
REPORT

Mr. Tolen reminded the Board that the 2021 Budget Hearing will be at the December meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS
/COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE REPORT

There was nothing to report from the Public Relations/Communications Committee.

LEGAL REPORT

Counsel Greher had nothing specific to report.

ENGINEER REPORT

Phase 1H Pipeline - Mr. Henry reported that over the past month the location of the flow meter has been moved and final design of the water pipeline alignment has taken place while coordinating with the Colorado Department of Transportation to include suggestions by all involved that will bring successful project alignment design to completion.

Phase 2C – Mr. Henry further reported that additional utilities have been included in the alignment design and that environmental information from Grayling has been incorporated into the plans. In addition, Mr. Henry, Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Tolen have met with the La Plata County Engineering staff who are requesting to see the District's engineering drawings at approximately fifty to sixty percent complete. Additionally, the revised alignment was set on November 12, necessitating review by Mr. Tolen and Ms. King to determine impacts to wetlands.

ENVIRONMENTAL
REPORT

Ms. King advised the Board that the Phase 2C wetlands are crossing historic Southern Ute Indian Tribe land. The 401 Certification is tied closely with the Army Corps 404 permit, but exactly what will be required for a successful permit is unclear at this time. She reminded those present that the cumulative impact is under the ceiling allowance for a nationwide permit, noting that a 401 Certification is a permissible activity which will not stop forward progress but may involve additional time as it moves through the process.

GENERAL MANAGER
REPORT

Bayfield Potential Service Area - Mr. Tolen advised the Board that he had sent Katie Sickles, Interim Town Manager, Town of Bayfield, a letter asking that the District be able to service the additional properties outlined within the Bayfield Potential Service Area. This discussion is on the Town of Bayfield meeting agenda scheduled for November 17, 2020.

Bond Payment Due December 11, 2020 – Director Lynn will accompany Mr. Tolen to the bank to make this payment.

Impact of Repeal of the Gallagher Amendment – Mr. Tolen advised the Board that District revenue is anticipated to decrease by \$265,000 in 2021 due to the price of natural gas. He further noted that repeal of the Gallagher Amendment will avoid a \$60,000 revenue reduction to the District in 2022.

City of Durango – Ridges Basin Water Treatment Plant – Mr. Tolen advised the Board that he has met with Jarod Biggs, City of Durango. A Water Treatment Plant study has been done resulting in the identification of five potential water treatment plant sites including one by Lake Nighthorse, another by the airport, and two others on a gravel site by land previously identified by the District as a possible water treatment plant site. The City of Durango is currently developing a water master plan, incorporating potential future needs. The City Council is considering a pipeline to a second water treatment plant as well as building a second water treatment plant, though some are opposed to a second water treatment plant.

General Manager Report – Please see the November General Manager's Report for information regarding District operations.


EXECUTIVE SESSION Upon motion made by Director Dent, seconded by Director Lynn, and unanimously carried, the Board convened in Executive Session at 9:19 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, except if the employee who is the subject of the session has requested an open meeting, (Section 24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.). Topic of discussion is limited to the District General Manager Evaluation. The Board returned to its regular meeting at 9:45 a.m.

ANY OTHER MATTER WHICH MAY COME

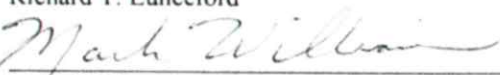
BEFORE THE BOARD Upon motion made by Director Lynn, seconded by Director Johnson, and unanimously carried the Board suggested a bonus in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) be awarded to General Manager Tolen and asked that it be incorporated into the 2021 District Budget.


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m. The next regular meeting of the District Board is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at 255 Ute Street, Ignacio, Colorado, unless it is necessary to meet in another matter to satisfy governmental requirements.


Secretary for the Meeting

APPROVED

Richard T. Lunceford

Mark Williams

Gregg Johnson

Daniel R. Lynn, III


for Ron Dent