

TRI-COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

September 18, 2024

Present: Ted Collin, Jack Sibold, Steve Glammeyer, Richard Wojciechowski, Vicki Ripp, Jack Flowers, Jim Hokit, David Kienholz, Jan McCracken, Joanne Fagan, Christine Collin, Wayne Schieldt

Virtual: Leslie Walker

Absent: Zack Ahlberg, Glen Black

TCW Staff: Jerry Young (Jerry), Sandy Flowers

Attorney: David Skarka (David)

Public: Adam Turner - Project 7, Richard Huggins - Garver, Chad Johnson - CDM Smith, Brian Hall -CDM Smith

Call Session to Order

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

Update of P7 Resiliency Program – Adam Tuner, Richard Huggins, Chad Johnson, Brian Hall

Adam, Richard, Chad and Brian reviewed the current Project 7 South 30% Pipeline Design including items with respect to key program benefits and feasibility studies both current and past. Topics such as recommended treatment plant size, pipeline size, ownership of infrastructure and future capital improvements were discussed. Additionally, the size and location of the penstock connections and the river crossing as well as the effect on electron production out of the hydropower plant were considered. Several questions arose out of the discussion and will be addressed, to the extent possible, at the next Board meeting.

Changes to the Agenda

➤ None

Approval of Minutes August 15, 2024 Regular Meeting

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

Handouts

Vicki asked for questions or comments on the handouts. Jerry provided an additional handout addressing the CODOS program study.

Project 7 Report – Vicki Ripp

Vicki Ripp deferred to the earlier update from the Project 7 South Team.

Attorney's Report

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. Joanne Fagan 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." Steve Glammeyer 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. Jack Flowers 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

Ouray County 2025 O&M Letter – Discussion

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

Colorado Water Congress Summer Conference – Update

Jack Flowers and Jerry updated the group on the topics covered at the 2024 Summer Conference.

Ridgway Dam Operations - Update

Jerry reported on the status of Ridgway Dam stating this year has been atypical and the reservoir currently sits above average levels compared to previous years. Additionally, the 4,000AF of water purchased by UVWUA to augment the irrigation pool has not been utilized.

Wright Water Engineers – Diligence Strategic Plan - Update

Jerry reported on the status of the Wright Water Engineers Diligence Strategic Plan stating a final report is expected to be available at the next Board meeting in October.

Project 7 South 30% Pipeline Design – Board Decision

After today's discussion it was determined this topic will be tabled until the next meeting in October. Meanwhile Jerry will work with Project 7 to answer questions raised by the Board during the earlier discussion.

Health, Dental, Vision, Life and HSA renewal 2025 – Board Decision

Jerry reviewed the changes to the current premiums for health, dental, vision, life and the HSA. Richard Wojciechowski moved to renew the plans as presented. Jack Sibold seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CODOS Program Summary

The CODOS Program Summary and funding were discussed and Jerry announced that Jeff Deery will be at the October meeting to present the program to the group and answer any questions the Board may have.

Election of Officers and Executive Committee Appointment:

Vicki Ripp opened the floor to nominations for officers and the following were nominated and voted upon:

Wayne Schildt nominated Vicki Ripp for President, Jack Flowers for 1st Vice President Jim Hokit for 2nd Vice President. Steve Glammeyer seconded.

Jan McCracken nominated Christine Collin for Secretary / Treasurer. Richard Wojciechowski seconded.

Jack Flowers moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. Richard Wojciechowski seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Vicki Ripp, President, appointed the Executive Committee as follows:

Vicki Ripp, President, Delta County
Jack Flowers, 1st Vice President, Ouray County
Jim Hokit, 2nd Vice President, Montrose County
Christine Collin, Secretary / Treasurer, Montrose County
Richard Wojciechowski, Director, Ouray County

Announcements

- P7 Open House – Wednesday, October 2, 4-6pm New Plant Site South of Colona
- Board Meeting – Wednesday October 16th, 9:00 am – Tri-County Water
- Farm & Ranch Innovation Expo – November 15 & 16 – Montrose County Event Center
- 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 11:44 am.

Vicki Ripp, President

Christine Collin, Secretary