

TRI-COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

June 19, 2024

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

Absent: Leslie Brown

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.

Changes to the Agenda

➤ None.

Norm Brooks

Time was allotted on the agenda for a moment of silence in honor of Norm Brooks.

Approval of Minutes

Steve Glammeyer moved to approve the minutes. Glen Black seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Handouts

Vicki asked for questions or comments on the handouts.

Public Comment – Mr. George Davis, Jr.

Mr. Davis Jr. was not present for the meeting.

Project 7 Report – Vicki Ripp

Vicki Ripp provided the Project 7 update.

Attorney’s Report

Ouray County Water Rights Application (2019 Application)

David introduced the topic Ouray County Water Rights Application (2019 Application) and announced the Board will convene in Executive Session. Steve Glammeyer 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.” Zack Ahlberg 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. Zack Ahlberg seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ted Collin moved to engage Somach Simmons & Dunn as legal counsel on the Ouray County Water Rights Application. Richard Wojciechowski seconded and the motion carried with Wayne Schieldt dissenting.

Attorney's Report Continued:

Ram's Horn / Dallas Divide Diligence Case (2021 Application)

David reported on the status of the Ram's Horn / Dallas Divide Diligence Case.

Sneva Reservoir and Dallas Divide Reservoir Enlargement Diligence (2023 Application)

David reported on the status of the Sneva Reservoir and Dallas Divide Reservoir Enlargement Diligence Application.

Exchange Agreement Water Rights (2023 Application)

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

2024 Ouray County Irrigation Water Lease w/Reclamation – Ridgway Reservoir

David reported on the status of the 2024 Ouray County Irrigation Water Lease w/Reclamation – Ridgway Reservoir.

Augmentation Contract Renewal – Divide Golf, LLC & Uncompahgre Ponds

David introduced the renewal contract for Divide Golf, LLC to purchase 51 AF of augmentation water & the renewal contract for Uncompahgre Ponds Operating Company, LLC to purchase 5 AF of augmentation water. Wayne Schieldt moved to approve the augmentation water contract with Divide Golf, LLC for 51 AF of augmentation water and to approve the augmentation water contract with Uncompahgre Ponds Operating Company, LLC for 5 AF of augmentation water. Jack Flowers seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Board Vacancy – Formal Notice of Application Request Published

David announced the Board vacancy for a seat in Montrose to fulfill the remainder of the term vacated by the untimely passing of cherished Board Member, Norm Brooks. Jim Hokit moved to publish Formal Notice of the Board Vacancy in Delta, Montrose, and Ouray newspapers. Steve Glammeyer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report

June 15 CBRFC Runoff Forecast

Jerry stated the June 15th runoff forecast was reduced from 70,000 AF to 64,000 AF as compared to the June 1st runoff forecast. Jerry also reported on the status of the Ridgway Reservoir stating that it is approximately 2 feet from spilling.

Ridgway Reservoir Operations and ROC Update

Jerry shared Tri-County will be adjusting releases on a daily basis to avoid spilling while still filling the reservoir.

City of Montrose Draft Horse & 6600 Road Agreement - Update

Jerry reviewed the agreement between the City of Montrose and Tri-County to complete a proposed change to the service area boundary on Draft Horse & 6600 Road in Montrose. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Manager’s Report Continued:

Energy Wise Program – Update

Jerry shared the results of the summary report for school year 2023 – 2024. This item was tabled until the August meeting.

August Board Meeting, CWC – Move to August 14, 2024.

Due to scheduling conflicts the group agreed to move the August Board Meeting to Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 9:00 am.

Announcements

- Ridgway Operations Committee Meeting – July 9, 2:00 pm – Tri-County
- Board Meeting – July 17, 9:00 am – Tri-County
- Colorado Water Congress – August 20-22, Colorado Springs

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