



I. ROUTINE ITEMS

A. Call to Order – *President Yanchunas*

The Board of Directors held their meeting via Zoom. President Yanchunas called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and asked that Assistant Secretary Lee call roll.

B. Roll Call – *Assistant Secretary Lee*

Board members present: President Yanchunas, Vice President Smith, Secretary Carlson, Treasurer Rademacher and Directors, Sigg, Sutherland, Varra and Wolford were present. Director Golden joined the meeting at 1:05 PM.

Staff members and consultants present: Executive Director Sean Cronin, Water Resources Specialist Jason Roudebush and Assistant Secretary Donna Lee. Mark McLean, Engineer with Deere & Ault.

Presenters present: John Chmil, Lyons Gaddis Attorneys and Counselors and Audrey Butler with Boulder County Parks and Open Space was listening on the phone.

President Yanchunas asked if there were any changes or additions to the Agenda and Mr. Cronin stated that there were none.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion: Approval of October Meeting Minutes – *President Yanchunas***
- B. Motion: General Fund Finance Reports – *Executive Director Cronin***
- C. Motion: Enterprise Fund Finance Reports – *Executive Director Cronin***

President Yanchunas asked if there was any discussion needed regarding any of the Consent Agenda items or any changes requested and since there were none, he called for a motion. Director Wolford moved to approve/accept the Consent Agenda. Director Sigg seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. Lake 4 Pipeline Presentation – *Mark McLean, Engineer, Deere & Ault*

Mr. McLean provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the Lake 4 Pipeline project from when it was originally installed through the flood event and the steps taken since then to repair and replace the pipeline stating the existing pipeline is actually under A-Frame Lake. Mr. McLean noted the change orders and the cost savings going from 4 to 3 manholes by rerouting the pipeline east of the West Lake outlet works measurement structure. He continued by stating that the maintenance of the Butterfly Valve will require it to be dug up.

B. 7A Results – Executive Director Cronin

Executive Director Cronin stated he would be **combining III. B. and III. C.** He then provided background on how the District arrived at this point where the ballot initiative passed at a level that gives the District the confidence to move forward with The Plan. Mr. Cronin then shared what he believes the next steps are listing how the District will develop water supplies to protect and for the benefit of this valley. Executive Director Cronin stated the election results will now need to be certified by the counties and then the District will file with DOLA and new funding will be distributed in 2021. Mr. Cronin explained that the District pays a prorated share of the election costs estimating them at \$60,000 for Boulder, \$8,000 for Weld and \$2,000 for Larimer. Mr. Cronin discussed the 2021 Budget and how he plans to present a basic budget in December with more details presented in January through March. Mr. Cronin asked if the Directors considered the task of creating the budget a responsibility of the Budget Committee or the Board as a whole? He questioned how to best incorporate input from coalition partners as well. He then stated that the implementation of the Business Plan could start as soon as the budget is set. Mr. Cronin shared a list of potential projects in the Business Plan to consider. Mr. Cronin noted that hiring another person was always the intention with a mil levy increase and he stated he would begin that process. Mr. Cronin also had questions regarding how the Board wanted to move forward with further exploration of the office space issue and if they preferred it be handled as a Committee or as a Board directed task.

Executive Director Cronin then discussed the Messaging Results from 7A (III.C) and the Proposed Communication Plan which included: SVLHWCD Website, Newsletter, Advertisement (Board Approval), Conferences (when any come up again/share story, Creating a joint statement with the Colorado River District (Board Approval) as a larger idea for all of Colorado investments in water. Mr. Cronin stated he believed the affirming vote was due in great part to: good governance, solid leadership, commitment to the community, serving as part of a small group of water visionaries, provides a foundation for a lasting legacy and it was a bold and selfless move given the political climate and COVID. Mr. Cronin thanked the Board for supporting staff. President Yanchunas stated the Board will need to be directly involved with the development of the budget and set priorities and noted those things he believed were priority such as: SMP/Fish Passages/Flood Plain Post Fire Mitigation/Staffing/Office/Protecting water rights. President Yanchunas asked the Directors to weigh in on their thoughts about communicating in cooperation with the Colorado River District and their ideas regarding priorities.

President Yanchunas summarized what he heard the Directors say by stating: there is consensus that the budget needs to start at the Board level where discussions can be held about priorities; there is also consensus around communicating the District's thanks with a joint Water Statement in cooperation with the Colorado River District. President Yanchunas stated partners with whom we can multiply funds may drive decisions. He also summarized the need to look at some reserves for certain things, the need to do some more visible work, that Copeland needs to be addressed as it is a substantial asset but the District is not getting anything out of it and something more useful needs to be done with the shares of CBT. President Yanchunas then asked the Directors to be prepared to weigh in on preferences for any specific priorities.

President Yanchunas then brought up the office space issue stating he would prefer the discussions be held at the Board level and a committee could work with staff and realtors to

look at sites. He stated a decision would need to be made about whether to buy or lease and he would rely on Mr. Cronin to define his needs and Mr. Cronin noted that the request to extend the lease another year was approved by the landlord, the Longmont Conservation Board. It was noted and several Directors agreed that the office issue is ancillary and should be discussed at another time because the voters did not approve the increase for District office space. President Yanchunas asked if there were any board members who wanted to be involved with staff looking at office space and Directors Varra and Sigg agreed to join President Yanchunas in this effort. It was also noted that the sunset limits may make financing long term an issue. Regarding the joint Water Statement, Mr. Cronin was given the authority to collaborate with the Colorado River District. President Yanchunas and Executive Director Cronin will work on the letter to the Editor and it was agreed that a separate letter would go out to the supporters of the campaign.

IV. REPORTS

A. Water Commissioners Report – *Executive Director Cronin for Shera Sumerford*

Water Commissioner Sumerford was unable to attend but she sent her update to Mr. Cronin who read it out loud for the record.

B. Legal Report – *Mr. Scott Holwick*

Mr. Holwick spoke directly to the items listed in his memo that was included in the Board packet with regard to the Resume Review (Application of the Archdiocese of Denver, Case No. 20CW3136), Application of ACWWA, Case No. 20CW3142, Application of ECCV, Case No. 20CW3143), District's Conditional Exchange Rights, Case No. 20CW3-74, Application of Firestone, Case No. 19CW3236, District's Conditional Water Storage Rights for Lake 4 and Lake 4 SWSP. There were no questions for Mr. Holwick.

C. Engineers Report – *Mr. Mark McLean*

Mr. McLean stated he has spent his time during the past month working on Augmentation Plan membership applications as well as the annual substitute water supply plan in Union Reservoir. He further stated that the leak test continues, and the results so far are looking favorable and he is keeping tabs on it. Mr. McLean worked with the Boulder County staff around the issue with Lake 3 spilling into Lake 4.

D. Executive Director Report – *Executive Director Cronin*

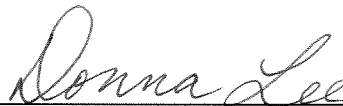
Mr. Cronin talked about the awaiting the 14 day quarantine to end on the 11th noting the restrictions were becoming more restricted with Safer at Home guidelines stating there can be no more than 25% of staff in the office at the same time. Mr. Cronin let the Directors know he is participating in the Emergency Water Protection and Forest Health Initiative, but the District is not taking the lead role and he will report on his experience at the November meeting. Mr. Cronin stated he continues to cooperate on Lake 3, he is awaiting the liner test results and working with Boulder County on an Operations Agreement. Mr. Cronin stated that Jason is working on getting the Copeland survey tied up. Mr. Cronin asked if there were any questions on any of the weekly emails he has been sharing and there were none.

E. Items from the Board President – *President Yanchunas*

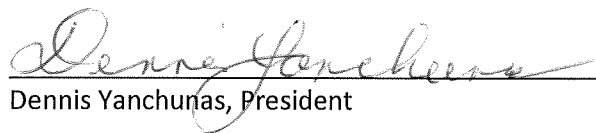
President Yanchunas asked if anyone had any concluding comments and Treasurer Rademacher commented on what he saw along the Poudre Canyon particularly the fire damage he witnessed at Chambers Lake. President Yanchunas asked about the Christmas and New Years holidays this year and whether the Directors wanted to grant any additional days for staff and it was suggested to provide staff with 8 additional hours to cover the Thursday prior to Christmas and New Years eve, 2020. President Yanchunas called for a motion and Treasurer Rademacher moved to provide staff with 8 additional hours to cover the Thursday prior to Christmas and New Year's eve 2020. Vice President Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

President Yanchunas stated there was an in depth report on the fires provided at the Northern Planning Session. He continued stating 6 operators on the west slope had to come to Berthoud and the amount of risk presented was inconceivable but Northern did not experience any significant damage. He continued stating they weren't sure they were going to be able to get people back into the plant to refuel the generators, but they did some quick changes to divert water. President Yanchunas announced that the Longmont City Council would be approving the contract for Windy Gap firming on the evening of 11/10. Treasurer Rademacher congratulated President Yanchunas on his reappointment to the Northern Board. At 2:50 PM, Secretary Carlson moved to adjourn. Treasurer Rademacher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna Lee, Assistant Secretary



Dennis Yanchunas, President