



St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District
Minutes of the Board Meeting
1715 Iron Horse Drive, Suite 250, Longmont, CO
June 12, 2023

I. ROUTINE ITEMS

A. Call to Order – *President Smith*

President Smith called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

B. Recognition of Oath of Director – *President Smith*

President Smith reported the Court appointed Danielle Cassidy as an At-Large Director. She is serving the remainder of Alison Meyer Gould’s term. Her Oath of Office was completed prior to the June Board meeting.

C. Public Presentation – *Kathleen Sands, Lyons Climate Action Group*

Ms. Sands was not present.

D. Roll Call – *Assistant Secretary Ruark*

Board members present: President Smith, Vice President Varra, Treasurer Rademacher, Secretary Carlson, Directors Sigg, Wolford, Moore and Cassidy were present in person. Director Golden was present by Zoom (1:09pm).

Staff members, consultants and guests: Executive Director Sean Cronin, Water Resources Engineer Scott Griebing, and Office Manager Mona Ruark were present. Attorney Scott Holwick with Lyons Gaddis, and Ms. Molly Quinn with CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP) were present.

E. Amendments or Additions to the Agenda – *President Smith*

Executive Director Cronin requested to remove “Item III.C Cyber Risk Assessment – Next Steps” from the agenda. It will be added to the agenda for discussion at the February 2024 Board meeting.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of May 8, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of April 2023 General Fund Finance Reports

C. Approval of April 2023 Enterprise Fund Finance Reports

Treasurer Rademacher moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Wolford seconded the motion and the motion passed.

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. FY2022 Audit – *Ms. Molly Quinn, CLA*

Ms. Quinn reviewed the District’s Audited Financial Statements for Year Ended December 31, 2022. She reported no adjustments were made. The Lake 4 Pipeline loan was repaid in 2022. Separate ledgers were created in QuickBooks for the General Fund and the Enterprise Fund in 2022. The Board discussed utilizing a different accounting system. The audit is finalized and CLA will submit the audit financial statements to the State.

B. PL-566 PIFR #3 – Mr. Scott Griebing

Mr. Griebing gave an overview of PIFR #3. It involves 9 projects located between Lyons and Hygiene for a total projected cost of \$26 million. Design and construction are estimated to begin in 2026. The projects are focused on agriculture supply water, wildlife and fish passage. The next steps are pre-PIFR data collection in preparation for the PIFR process, which will begin in January 2024.

IV. ACTION ITEM

A. July 3rd - Paid Holiday Consideration - Executive Director Cronin

Executive Director Cronin reported July 4th is an employee paid holiday, and this year falls on a Tuesday. The District's Employee Handbook states "The Board of Directors may, at its sole discretion, grant additional paid holidays in conjunction with an established holiday." The Board discussed the holiday schedule. Treasurer Rademacher moved to approve Monday, July 3rd as an additional paid holiday. Director Wolford seconded the motion and the motion passed.

V. REPORTS

A. Water Commissioner Report – Ms. Shera Sumerford

Commissioner Sumerford was not present. Executive Director Cronin gave the following report:

- No call on the mainstem.
- No call on St. Vrain Creek.
- The St. Vrain Creek at Lyons gage reading was 843 cfs at 8:00AM on 6/12/23.
- District 5 Reservoirs at the end of May were 83.97% full. All reservoirs look really good.

B. Legal Report – Mr. Scott Holwick

Mr. Holwick presented the following report:

- There were no applications of interest filed in the April resume for Water Division No. 1.
- There were several water-related legislation enacted from the 2023 legislative session:
 - a) A House bill was passed requiring oil and gas operators to report to Oil Gas Conservation Commission water use of aug water and recycled water.
 - b) A Senate bill was passed authorizing the Water Resources and Agriculture Committee to meet year round.
 - c) A Senate bill was passed requiring HOAs to allow low-water landscaping.
 - d) The Stream Restoration Bill was signed on June 5th.
 - e) The Colorado River Drought Task Force was created.

C. Hydrology Report – Mr. Scott Griebing

Mr. Griebing reported:

- With all the rain, there are no drought conditions to report.
- Snowpack has largely melted but remains at 171% of median for this time of year.
- Streamflow has risen significantly with the recent rains and may have peaked at 1,080 cfs. Flows are expected to remain at or above median for the following month due to rainy weather in the forecast.

D. Projects and Programs Report – Mr. Scott Griebing

Mr. Griebing reported:

- ASO's first flight was May 21st. He reviewed the findings from that flight. The second flight has been canceled.
- A BOR grant application was submitted for one ASO flight along the Northern Front Range for 2024 through 2026.
- Lake 4 came into priority on 5/16 and filled on 5/24.

- Copeland came into priority on 5/16. It took 2 weeks for water to reach the reservoir and is now filling about 2.5 acre-feet per day.
- A permanent Sutron data logger was installed at the outlet flume at Copeland and a sutron on loan from the State was installed at the inlet flume. A stage data logger was ordered.
- Staff are working with Boulder County on a road easement on District property near Copeland.
- Staff met with the State about additional funding for Weather Modification.
- The State approved the 2023 Augmentation Report. Member invoices were sent out.

E. Executive Director Report – *Executive Director Cronin*

Executive Director Cronin reported:

- The truck had hail damage from the recent storm. A claim is being filed.
- Staff participated in several community events: Barefoot Lake HOA, St. Vrain Dance at Golden Ponds, and Confluence Event with Lyons school students.
- Staff met with a CSD Pool safety and emergency consultant.
- New photos of the Directors for the website will be scheduled before the August meeting.
- The State will be installing a new stream gage above the Longmont Supply Ditch.
- The augmentation member files are being scanned/digitized.
- FEMA is reimbursing the District for the Executive Director’s time spent working on Lake 4 post flood repairs.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:18 PM, Treasurer Rademacher moved to enter into Executive Session under §§ 24-6-402 (4) (b) and 24-6-402 (4) (e), C.R.S., so that the Board could receive specific legal advice, as needed, from the Board’s legal counsel related to the Copeland Reservoir Expansion Project and so that the Board could receive additional information about and provide instruction to the District’s negotiator(s) on potential Copeland Reservoir Expansion Project negotiations. Vice President Varra seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Discussion was held and negotiation guidance was provided. At 2:46 PM, Vice President Varra moved to exit Executive Session. Treasurer Rademacher seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

VII. Items from the Board – *President Smith*

- Treasurer Rademacher asked if the Chimney Hollow Tour is confirmed for June 19th.
- President Smith reported The Watershed Center’s Executive Director has taken another job.
- Secretary Carlson also attended the Lyons Confluence Event and reported the students gave excellent presentations.

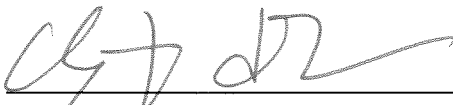
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:55 PM Secretary Carlson moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Varra seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mona Ruark, Assistant Secretary



Christopher Smith, President