

Record of Proceedings
Minutes of the Meeting of the La Plata Archuleta Water District
Held August 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the La Plata Archuleta Water District, Sundance/Farraday Subdistrict, and Fox Fire Subdistrict, La Plata County, Colorado, (“District”) was held on August 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at 255 Ute Street, Ignacio Colorado 81137.

Attendance:

Directors in Attendance Were:

Dick Lunceford
Dan Lynn
Ron Dent
Kent Curtis
Mark Williams

In Attendance, Also, Were:

Ed Tolen, La Plata Archuleta Water District Manager
Yvonne Brunson, La Plata Archuleta Water District Customer Service Representative
Dave Henry, Harris Water Engineering
Barb Prose, FredrickZink and Associates
Karmen King, Grayling
Cheryl Lynn, Secretary to the Board

In Attendance, Also, via Telephone, Were:

Joe Norris, Cockrel Ela Glesne Greher & Ruhland
Micki Mills, Cockrel Ela Glesne Greher & Ruhland

Call To Order

Chairman 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

There were no public comments.

Approval Of Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Director Williams, seconded by Director Dent, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the July 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Report

Approval and Payment of Invoices

Directors reviewed the July 2023 Accounts Payable and the July 2023 Accountant's Compilation Reports. Upon motion duly made by Director Williams, seconded by Director Dent, and unanimously carried, payment of the invoices as shown on the attached Accounts Payable Statement dated August 9, 2023, were approved as submitted.

Remaining District Income

Ms. Prose noted that most of the District's 2023 property tax revenue has been received and appropriately invested.

Finance Committee Report.

LAPLAWD 2022 Audited Financial Statement

Mr. Tolen advised those present that the LAPLAWD 2022 Audit has been submitted to the State Auditor, as well as Standard and Poor's. He directed the Board's attention to the Memorandum that addresses the Auditor's Recommendation Concerning Subdivision Lines/Unissued Tap Fees.

Public Relations/Communications Committee Report

Mr. Tolen reported that there was nothing new to report.

Legal/Paralegal Report

Paralegal Mills advised the Board that she had nothing new to report.

County Road 509 Rights of Way

Counsel Norris noted that there was no legal report other than discussion of the County Road 509 Rights of Way matter in Executive Session later in the meeting.

Engineer Report

Fox Fire Pipeline

Mr. Henry discussed with the Board the two (2) anticipated skid-mounted redundant pump stations, each sized for full capacity. Should the 15 gpm pumps be housed in a shed they will require heating or housed in a vault they will require ventilation. Director Lunceford suggested daylighting a drain for the pumps to avoid flooding of the devices. Mr. Henry is writing specifications to be able to procure the pumps and hydrostatic tanks. Advertising and awarding the bid will depend, to a certain extent, on how quickly the District obtains a loan from Water and Power and a grant from the Department of Local Affairs. This is estimated to be a 2024 project.

Phase 2D Pipeline/Easements

Mr. Henry estimates that, with finalizing the Rights of Way and completion of the related design this project will go to bid in early 2024.

Environmental Report

Ms. King had nothing new to report.

General Manager Report

Phase 2C Pipeline/Easements

Rights of Way will be discussed in Executive Session later in the meeting.

City of Durango

With the exit of Jarrod Biggs from City of Durango employment, the District's main contact with the City is lost. Mr. Tolen will contact the City Manager to initiate collaborative efforts between the City and the District regarding a potential water treatment plant and water pipelines in the vicinity of Lake Nighthorse. At one point, the City of Durango, the District, the Southern Ute Tribe, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and Animas La Plata Project were all working collaboratively on a shared pipeline out of the outlet structure at Ridges Basin Dam.

Storage Facility at CR 311 – Rhino Steel Building Purchase

The Board discussed specific characteristics of the proposed Rhino Steel Building purchase including door configuration, skylights, steel gauge, and building orientation. In addition, they discussed necessary site preparation. Upon motion duly made by Director Lynn, seconded by Director Dent, and unanimously carried the Board approved the purchase of the proposed Rhino Steel Building.

Please see the August 2023 General Manager's Report for additional information.

Executive Session

Upon motion duly made by Director Curtis, seconded by Director Lynn, and unanimously carried the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:26 a.m. on August 10, 2023 for determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategies for negotiations, and instructing negotiators (Section 24-6-402 (4) (e), C.R.S.) related to County Road 509 Rights of Way issues. The Board returned to their regular meeting at 9:34 a.m. No action was taken during executive session.

Any Other Matter Which May Come Before The Board

Proposition HH

Proposition HH will be discussed and a Resolution considered as part of the September 2023 Board Meeting. Ms. Mills advised the Board that, should Proposition HH pass, when it goes into effect the County Assessor must provide the final certification of assessed valuation on or before December 29th. The deadline for certifying the District's mill levy will then be January 5th. These dates will remain in effect for the 2024 budget season.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. The next regular meeting of LAPLAWD is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at 255 Ute Street, Ignacio, Colorado, unless it is necessary to meet in another matter to satisfy governmental requirements.

Prepared By

Cheryl Lynn
Secretary for the Meeting

Approved

Richard T. Lunceford

Daniel R. Lynn, III

Mark Williams

Ron Dent

Kent Curtis