

Record Of Proceedings
Minutes Of the Meeting of the La Plata Archuleta Water District
Held March 14, 2024

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 March 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at 255 Ute Street, Ignacio Colorado 81137.

Attendance

Directors in Attendance

Dick Lunceford
Dan Lynn
Ron Dent
Kent Curtis
Mark Williams

Also In Attendance

Ed Tolen, La Plata Archuleta Water District Manager
Yvonne Brunson, La Plata Archuleta Water District Customer Service Representative
Dave Henry, Harris Water Engineering
Taryn Centerbar, FredrickZink and Associates
Cheryl Lynn, Secretary to the Board

In Attendance via Telephone

Karmen King, Grayling
David Greher, 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 interest 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 Lynn, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the February 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting were approved as written.

Financial Report

Approval and Payment of Invoices

Directors reviewed and clarified the March 2024 Accounts Payable and the March 2024 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 March 13, 2024, were approved as submitted.

Finance Committee Report

Ms. Centerbar advised the Board that she has begun work with the audit team in preparation for the District's 2023 audit.

Public Relations/Communications Committee Report

Mr. Tolen had nothing new to report.

Legal Report

Paralegal Mills had nothing new to report.

Counsel Greher advised the Board that his office had received no response to the March 8, 2024 letter from Joseph W. Norris, Associate with CEGR Law. This letter was sent via e-mail to Kathleen Moore, La Plata County Attorney. Counsel and the Board determined to allow a little more response time prior to contacting the La Plata County Commissioners in anticipation of moving forward with a bid letting date of April 2, 2024. The Board commended Mr. Greher for the detailed and informative letter written by Mr. Norris.

Engineer Report

Fox Fire Pipeline/ Fox Fire Distribution System

Mr. Henry reported that the bid specifications are almost completed. He awaits comments regarding pump specifications. Based on an earlier decision by the Board, the District will bid, buy, and own the pumps. The pump vendor will oversee installation of the pumps which provides a warranty by the vendor. Chairman Lunceford asked if leak detection monitoring was planned for this project. Mr. Henry described the possibilities for providing leak detection monitoring. He also led a discussion regarding the necessity of a leak detection system on a new water system when water systems are projected to operate effectively for 50 to 100 years. Mr. Henry will research the cost of installed and rental leak detection systems and report to the Board.

Phase 2D Pipeline

Mr. Henry will push for a meeting with Ms. King and the Colorado Department of Transportation now that verbal comments regarding alignment have been received.

Phase 2C Pipeline

Mr. Henry told the Board that five contractors attended the pre-bid conference. With the costs of pipe increasing, the actual cost of the project remains somewhat uncertain. The District's costs may need to be recalibrated. Mr. Tolen estimates a project cost of approximately \$1.4 million.

Environmental Report

Army Corps of Engineers Regional Training

Ms. King called the Board's attention to a summary of the training she included in this month's Board packet. At least in part due to expanded boundaries of the region it is possible/probable that we will see an additional 60 days added to the Corps approval process time. While the Waters of the United States regulations benefit us, the permitting timelines will almost assuredly increase.

Fox Fire Environmental Assessment

Ms. King thanked Mr. Tolen for his quick responses to questions regarding the Fox Fire Environmental Assessment while she was out of the office. She will provide answers to remaining questions.

General Manager Report

CR 509 Project

Mr. Tolen advised the Board that he plans to put this project out to bid on April 2, 2024, with work anticipated to begin early May 2024.

Lead Service Line Inventory

Mr. Tolen reported that every water system in the United States must provide an initial inventory of all service lines indicating what material they are made of, if known, in its system from the water main to the meter and from the water meter to the house. This must be completed no later than October 16, 2024. Three to four years will may allowed to determine if there are any lead service lines or goosenecks as part of that inventory. Mr. Tolen has identified thirteen residences that could potentially have lead in a portion of their service line, noting that residences built prior to 1960 are more likely to have lead piping issues. A new District policy will need to be developed to establish a no-lead system from the meter to the house or from the well to the house for residences that are added to the water system as it builds out.

CR 311 Storage Building

SGM has completed the final design of the building site and foundation. Mr. Tolen id finalizing plans and specification for other portions of the design, such as heating, overhead door and electrical. Mr. Tolen plans to use a radiant tube heater system. These systems are known to have provided efficient heating systems for storage buildings. Once the ancillary infrastructure systems such as electricity and heating are developed the plans will be sent to the Building Department for approval and then the package put out to bid. This building is not anticipated to house any equipment heavier than a skid steer which will be ordered once the building can safely house it.

City of Durango

Mr. Tolen's contact for Lake Nighthorse, Justin Elkins, Assistant Utility Director for the City of Durango, is no longer employed by the City of Durango. This is consequential for the District because there is lack of continuity of involved and informed people as complex present and future water issues and projects are proposed and considered.

Please see Mr. Tolen's March 2024, General Manager Report for additional information.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was conducted.

Any Other Matter Which May Come Before the Board

No other matters were considered.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m. The next regular meeting of the District is scheduled for April 11, 2024.

Prepared By

Cheryl Lynn
Secretary for the Meeting

Approved

Richard T. Lunceford

Daniel R. Lynn, III

Mark Williams

Ron Dent

Kent Curtis