

**Record of Proceeding
Minutes of the Meeting of the La Plata Archuleta Water District
Held March 9, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the La Plata Archuleta Water District and Fox Fire Subdistrict, La Plata County, Colorado, (“District”) was held on March 9, 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
Steve Harris, Harris Water Engineering
Karmen King, Grayling
Cheryl Lynn, Secretary to the Board

In Attendance, Also, via Telephone, Were:

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 Dent, seconded by Director Lynn, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the February 9, 2023, Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Report

Approval and Payment of Invoices

Directors reviewed the March 8, 2023, Accounts Payable Report. The March 2023 Accountant's Compilation Report will be available at the April meeting. Directors clarified expenditures as necessary. Upon motion duly made by Director Williams, seconded by Director Dent, and unanimously carried the Board approved payment of invoices as shown on the attached Accounts Payable statement dated March 8, 2023.

Finance Committee Report.

The 2022 La Plata Archuleta Water District Audit is scheduled to begin the end of April or the beginning of May 2023 and should be available for the June District meeting.

Public Relations/Communications Committee Report

Mr. Tolen reported that another four or five property owners called during the month to ask about the nature of the District taxes.

Legal Report

Paralegal Report

Ms. Mills reported that the May 2023 election has been cancelled since there were enough candidate nominations filed for the positions to be filled. Directors Lunceford, Dent, and Curtis have been declared elected for terms of office to expire in 2027.. They begin their new terms after the May 2nd election date at which time they will take their Oaths of Office.

Legal Report

There is nothing to report.

Engineer Report

Water Conference in Ignacio

The Water Conference will be held on Friday, March 31, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino in Ignacio. If you want to attend please advise Mr. Tolen.

Fox Fire Pipeline

Mr. Harris advised the Board that drawings and revisions continue for the Fox Fire Pipeline.

Mr. Tolen talked with Jared Biggs with the City of Durango about the pipeline project from Lake Nighthorse to Santa Rita Park. A contract has been entered with Plummer Associates to provide a 30% design for the project. The plan is to advertise a Design/Build project to complete the rest of the design as well as the construction of the project.

Revision of La Plata County Planning Code, Chapter 90

Director Williams advised the Board that they, as property owners, may wish to participate in the La Plata County Planning Commission meeting at the County Administration Building at 6:00 p.m. on March 9, 2023. At issue is a 500 foot setback with an oil and gas pad size of 12 acres.

Water Pipeline in County Road 223 Area

Director Lynn reported that, according to a property owner in the area, vinyl chloride has been detected in water tests in the vicinity of County Road 223. La Plata County's test site is above the location where a problem with the water would ordinarily be detected. Mr. Ruggles continues to advocate for those in the area and to strongly pursue with La Plata County the possibility of installing a LAPLAWD water pipeline in the area to avoid the water of the households in the area being contaminated with vinyl chloride.

Environmental Report

Ms. King reported that archaeological work needs to be finalized for Phase 2D pipeline. When the final drawings are complete, she can begin the permitting process.

General Manager Report

Phase 2C Easements

Mr. Tolen and Mr. Harris discussed with the Board that a realignment in the county road is planned for the Baird/Semler properties. Mr. Tolen and Mr. Henry will meet with Jim Davis, La Plata County Engineer, before plans are finalized. Current plans call for open cutting the county road in several places.

Building Quotes

Mr. Tolen reported that he received another building quote, this one from Rhino, in the amount of \$56,000. Please see the March 2023 General Manager's Report for additional information.

Executive Session

No executive session was conducted.

Any Other Matter Which May Come Before the Board

Water Projections

Mr. Harris reported that, according to Ken Beck, Vallecito Dam Manager, a substantial water inflow is projected for Vallecito and Lemon Reservoirs. The current flow for Vallecito has been raised to allow the water level at Vallecito to be maintained at one foot below full. Lemon Reservoir is projected to fill completely. McPhee Reservoir is also projected to fill. Lake Powell is projected to gain 10 million acre feet of water, though it would take 50 million acre feet to fill Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m. The next regular meeting of LAPLAWD is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 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