

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
LA PLATA ARCHULETA WATER DISTRICT  
HELD  
June 10, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors ("Board") of the La Plata Archuleta Water District and Sundance/Farraday Subdistrict No. 1, La Plata County, Colorado, ("District") was held on June 10, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Due to public health concerns this meeting was held with no more than ten people in personal attendance in the District Office. Others called in to the meeting. Links and call-in information were provided.

ATTENDANCE:                    Directors in Attendance Were:

Dick Lunceford  
Dan Lynn  
Ron Dent  
Gregg Johnson

Director Whose Absence Was Excused Was:  
Mark Williams

Also in Attendance Were:  
Ed Tolen, La Plata Archuleta Water District Manager  
Cheryl Lynn, Secretary to the Board  
Steve Harris, Harris Water Engineering  
Karmen King, Grayling

Also in Attendance via Telephone Were:  
Barb Prose, FredrickZink & Associates  
David Greher, Collins Cockrel and Cole  
Micki Mills, Collins Cockrel and Cole

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 reported no conflicts of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS                    No members of the public were present via telephone or in the District Office.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

Upon motion duly made by Director Lynn, seconded by Director Johnson, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the May 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Approval and Payment of Invoices – Directors reviewed the May 2021 Accounts Payable Report and May 2021 Accountant’s Compilation Report to Directors. Upon motion duly made by Director Dent, seconded by Director Lynn, and unanimously carried the Board approved payment of invoices as shown on the attached Accounts Payable statement dated June 9, 2021.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

REPORT

2020 LAPLAWD Audit – Mr. Tolen reported that the 2020 District Audit will be reviewed at the July, 2021, meeting. Director Lynn expressed concern regarding the tardiness of the audit and therefore its use in making 2021 decisions and suggested that in the future the auditor be paid only upon receipt of the audit.

PUBLIC RELATIONS  
/COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMITTEE REPORT

There was nothing to report.

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Tolen reported that the eight to ten (8 to 10) petitions he has received for inclusion into the District can be considered at the July meeting.

ENGINEER REPORT

Updates – Mr. Harris reported that he has heard no new information from the City of Durango. He said that the new Southwest Water Conservation District Manager began work this week in Durango. Carrie Lyle, Harris Water Engineering, continues work on the Basin Implementation Plan for the Southwest Basins Roundtable. Mr. Harris further said that demand management remains a serious issue with reservoirs continuing to use more water than is replaced.

Phase 1H: - Work is nearing completion with most of the line having been pressure tested.

Phase 2C – Mr. Tolen reported that coordination with property owners for easements on this phase is also nearing completion.

ENVIRONMENTAL  
REPORT –

Ms. King told the Board that she is monitoring federal and state agency project regulations as they change. The 401 permits are required as District projects venture into historic and Tribal lands. Complying with the requests can lead to longer than usual timelines. That said, the District is one of a few agencies that received a 401 permit under the new regulations. Also, as design work progresses and changes in alignment of the pipeline are identified it's important to remember that this permitting process allows for incorporation of these changes. Ms. King expressed concern that the 402 State Permitting process is not moving forward smoothly and that legislation is being proposed that allows existing Department of Public Health and Environment funds to be used for enforcement of permits that were not issued.

GENERAL MANAGER  
REPORT

Phase 1H – Mr. Tolen reported that the pipeline is complete, pressure testing is being done in anticipation of a Bac-T test. Asphalt replacement must be done to complete the project.

Phase 2C – Mr. Tolen said he has negotiated an alignment through Baird's property and has been asked to follow the existing gas line easement through the Semler property. Agreements are yet to be finalized in writing and costs are yet to be determined.

Petitions to Form Subdistricts -Mr. Tolen has received two petitions requesting to form Subdistricts – Skyview and Foxfire. Both will need pumps due to elevations. Formation of the Foxfire Subdistrict would result in an increase of approximately 63.66 mills. Formation of the Skyview Subdistrict would result in an increase of approximately 99.326 mills.

Mr. Tolen has been very certain to help property owners understand the effect of Subdistrict formation and implementation on property taxes.

Legislation – It is likely that Initiative 27 to decrease property assessment rates will appear on the November 2021 ballot. Senate Bill 293 has been introduced to try to circumvent the long-term adverse effects of a permanent decrease in property taxes on taxing jurisdictions.

Please refer to the June General Manager's Report for additional detail regarding District operations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – An Executive Session was not conducted.

ANY OTHER MATTER  
WHICH MAY COME

BEFORE THE BOARD – Director Lynn said he had a report that water from the Ignacio fill station contained sediment each time a water tank was filled. Mr. Tolen said he had not heard complaints about that except during the line break which resulted in air in the lines and milky colored water. Mr. Tolen will continue to monitor the potential of sediment in the water.

ADJOURNMENT

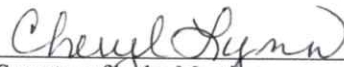
The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m. The next regular meeting of LAPLAWD is scheduled for Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at 255 Ute Street, Ignacio, Colorado, unless it is necessary to meet in another matter to satisfy governmental requirements.


APPROVED

  
Richard T. Lunceford

  
Mark Williams

  
Ron Dent

  
Secretary for the Meeting

  
Gregg Johnson

  
Daniel R. Lynn, III