RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LA PLATA ARCHULETA WATER DISTRICT **HELD**

August 11, 2022

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 August 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., at 255 Ute Street, Ignacio Colorado 81137.

ATTENDANCE:

Directors in Attendance Were:

Ron Dent Dick Lunceford Kent Curtis Dan Lynn

Director Absent Was: Mark Williams

In Attendance, Also, Were:

Ed Tolen, La Plata Archuleta Water District Manager

Yvonne Brunson, La Plata Archuleta Water District Customer Service Representative

Cheryl Lynn, Secretary to the Board Steve Harris, Harris Water Engineering

In Attendance, Also, via Telephone, Were:

David Greher, Cockrel Ela Glesne Greher & Ruhland Micki Mills, Cockrel Ela Glesne Greher & Ruhland

Dave Henry, Harris Water Engineering

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 in person reported no conflicts of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

APPROVAL OF

MINUTES

Upon motion duly made by Director Lynn, seconded by Director Dent, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the July 14, 2022, Regular Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Approval and Payment of Invoices - Directors reviewed the August 2022 Accounts Payable Report and August 2022 Accountant's Compilation Report. Directors clarified expenditures as necessary. Upon motion duly made by Director Lynn, seconded by Director Dent, and unanimously carried the Board approved payment of invoices as shown on the attached Accounts Payable statement dated August 10, 2022.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

REPORT

<u>PILT Payment</u> – Mr. Tolen reported that the PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) payment was received in the amount of \$21,984.72. The funding was originally incorrectly allocated as Specific Ownership Tax and had to be corrected prior to distribution of funds.

2023 Budget – Mr. Tolen and staff will begin development of the 2023 District Budget the week of August 16, 2022. As part of budget development Mr. Tolen will recommend an increase of \$1,000, from \$5,550 to \$6,550, for a standard residential tap fee. In the interim he will notify people who meet specific criteria who may be interested in purchasing a water tap but haven't yet completed a purchase to advise them of the proposed increase.

PUBLIC RELATIONS /COMMUNICATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORT

As water pipeline is installed people in the area appear to have an interest in participating if they can afford to tap fee and installation of water line to their residence.

LEGAL REPORT

Ms. Mills had nothing specific to report. Counsel Greher will offer legal advice as the proposed eminent domain correspondence is discussed during the General Manager report.

ENGINEER REPORT

Herald Editorial – Mr. Harris referenced the editorial in the August 10, 2022 Durango Herald noting that \$500,000 had been set aside for preliminary design of \$22,000,000 in water treatment and delivery facilities for the City of Durango. As the City of Durango's aging water treatment and delivery infrastructure is evaluated it is possible that further consideration will be given to the LAPLAWD/City of Durango water treatment facility in the vicinity of the Lake Nighthorse dam that has been discussed in years past.

County Road 223/Holman Canyon Road Pipeline – Mr. Henry reported drawings containing easements, alignments, and excavation, 400 feet for Holman Canyon and 800 feet for CR 223, have been developed and are being refined. Mr. Henry still awaits line work from the Colorado Department of Transportation. Lee McCutcheon, Jan Neleigh's son, currently owns the property and has agreed to a new easement for the pipeline alignment.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

Mr. Tolen reported that Ms. King continues work on an Environmental Assessment for Fox Fire. She is also working on environmental issues for the upcoming section of Highway 172 from County Road 509A to County Road 513. He also noted that Durango La Plata County Airport is looking at development of County Road 309A. Mr. Tolen will suggest that District water pipe should be installed at the same time as improvements are made to County Road 309A.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

<u>Phase 2C Easements</u> – Mr. Tolen advised the Board that he has sent letters to property owners regarding easements. He has talked with Jack Semler and his wife. Discussions with Russ Knight have been delayed due to a death in the family. Jim Davis, La Plata County Engineer, advised that County Road 509 will not be realigned for safety reasons in the immediate future.

Consider Approving a Resolution Authorizing Eminent Domain for the Silvett Property – Board members present determined this situation had been thoroughly discussed at previous meetings eliminating the need for an executive session. Based on a motion duly made by Director Lynn, seconded by Director Dent and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the Resolution

Authorizing Eminent Domain for the Silvett property. Mr. Tolen will compose and send a letter to the owners of the Silvett property based on the letter sent regarding the Frendreis Property notifying them of the District's intent to proceed with the Eminent Domain process for the Silvett property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION An executive session was not conducted.

ANY OTHER MATTER

WHICH MAY COME

BEFORE THE BOARD Mr. Tolen reminded meeting attendees that the September meeting will be held on Tuesday,

September 13, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at 255 Ute Street, Ignacio, CO 81137. This is a change from

meeting on the second Thursday of the month.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m. The next regular meeting of LAPLAWD is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 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

Daniel R. Lynn, III