

WEST DIVIDE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
818 Taughenbaugh Blvd., Suite 101
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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The regular Board of Directors meeting was called to order at the District office at 9:00 a.m. by President Samuel B. Potter.

ROLL CALL

The following directors were present: President Samuel B. Potter, Vice President Dan R. Harrison, Secretary Richard L. McNeill. Director Kelly Couey was absent. Also in attendance were Tammy Keenan, Office Manager; Wendy Ryan Colorado River Engineering, Inc.; and Edward B. Olszewski, Counsel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment from the public.

MINUTES

Richard L. McNeill moved the minutes of the July 14, 2022, meeting be approved as received with corrections; Dan R. Harrison seconded; motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

Bills to be Paid: Richard L. McNeill moved the attached list of bills be paid; Dan R. Harrison seconded; motion carried.

Richard L. McNeill moved to have Tammy Keenan review the lease and expenses due to construction; Dan R. Harrison seconded; motion carried.

Financial Statements: Richard L. McNeill moved the June 2022, Financial Statements prepared by Barnes, Pearson & Rudow, LLC be accepted; Dan R. Harrison seconded; motion carried.

WATER CONTRACTS

Emanuel Rivas; Richard L. McNeill moved approval of this water allotment contract, 1 a.f., domestic, General Stored Water; seconded by Dan R. Harrison; motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE REPORT

Richard L. McNeill attended the Roundtable meeting and reported to the board.

- Russ Sands presented the Colorado Water Plan.
- Senate Bill 22-114 allows up to 30 acres of fire suppression ponds per county and bars the replacement of water lost from evaporation.
- Megadrought is an ongoing concern for the Colorado River.

WATER RESOURCES' REPORT

No report this month.

HYDROLOGISTS' REPORT

Water Watch and Augmentation reports were provided and discussed with Wendy Ryan. All the recent rain has helped the rivers.

ALSBURY

Releases have been completed for the season. Stilling basin work will hopefully be completed before hunting season.

CRYSTAL RIVER

Routine meetings continue in regard to Beaver Lake. Several subdivisions are requesting updates on the project and the Jeffe Hall property has sold.

MARTIN RESERVOIRS

The Accelerator Grant was submitted with numerous letters of support. Mid-September we should have some indication of staff recommendation and the board decision on October 18, 2022.

The Oak Meadows release was on the 16th and 17th. John Reeves wants his release from number 3 and that will be delivered next week.

SILT INTERCONNECT

Now that Elk Creek is on an active call we need to coordinate with the Silt Water Conservancy District in regard to augmentation operations and predictable replacement requirements.

ACTIVE CALLS

Rifle Creek Canon Ditch and Grand Tunnel Ditch are both on active current calls. Divide, East Divide and Fourmile Creeks, Elk Creek and the Colorado river are all on active current calls as well.

USBR COLORADO RIVER DECISION

- **Lower Basin: FIRST EVER Stage 2a Restrictions**
- The projected elevation of 1,047.61 feet reflects a Level 2a Shortage Condition with required shortage reductions and water savings contribution for the Lower Basin States and Mexico, pursuant to Minute 323, as follows:
 - Arizona: 592,000 acre-feet, which is approximately 21% of the state's annual apportionment
 - Nevada: 25,000 acre-feet, which is 8% of the state's annual apportionment
 - Mexico: 104,000 acre-feet, which is approximately 7% of the country's annual allotment

- There is no required water savings contribution for California in 2023 under this operating condition.
- **Upper Basin:** Will evaluate in April 2023 and reduce releases (min of 7 maf) from Powell to protect from declining below 3525' by December 2023. (Power Pool = 3490')

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Received written and oral report from counsel.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2022.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Samuel B. Potter voiced his concerns about the 900 a.f. option West Divide has with the River District. ~~He's concerned with all the pressure on the river that we may lose the option.~~ He would like to look into pricing to exercise the option.

Richard L. McNeill brought up Bill # 8601 that recently passed and the impacts it will have on the Dolores River.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No need for executive session this meeting.

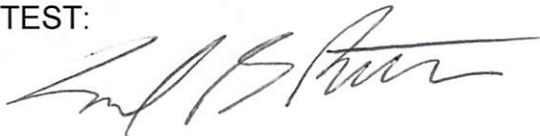
ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

SIGNED:


Richard L. McNeill, Secretary

ATTEST:



Samuel B. Potter, President

GENERAL FUND

Num	Name	Memo	Account	Amount
DD1112	Keenan, Tamara S	Direct Deposit	5221 · Salary	2,304.67
5593	Bookcliff Professional Building, LLC	Escrow	5394 · Rent-Prop.Taxes/Ins/Utilities	200.00
5593	Bookcliff Professional Building, LLC	Rent	5395 · Rent--Office unit	1,161.73
eft	Capital One, F.S.B.	Comcast	5390 · Telephone & Internet	165.22
eft	Capital One, F.S.B.	Zoom	5390 · Telephone & Internet	16.21
eft	Capital One, F.S.B.	Stamps	5300 · Postage/Box Rent/Etc.	33.59
EFT	American Funds		2227 · Simple IRA Payable	98.12
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EFT	Electronic Federal Tax Payment System	84-0976632	2205-FICA/MED/FWT Payable	297.00
EFT	Electronic Federal Tax Payment System	84-0976632	2205-FICA/MED/FWT Payable	47.42
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EFT	Electronic Federal Tax Payment System	84-0976632	2205-FICA/MED/FWT Payable	202.77
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5594	Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C.	General	5280 · Legal	1,592.00
				<u>6,630.56</u>

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GENERAL STORED WATER

Num	Name	Memo	Account	Amount
2556	Garfield County Clerk and Recorder	Memorandums	7070 · Memorandum Recording Fees	31.00
2557	Colorado River Engineering, Inc.	Accelerator Grant and General	7032 · Hydrology--General	7,772.50
2557	Colorado River Engineering, Inc.	Releases and readings	7034 · Hydrology--Alsburly	602.50
2558	Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C.	Directors	7047 · Legal--General	601.50
2558	Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C.	CRWCD	7047 · Legal--General	640.00
2558	Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C.	Water Rights	7047 · Legal--General	32.00
2558	Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C.	Crystal	7048 · Legal--Crystal River	344.00
2558	Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C.	Mystery Ranch	7047 · Legal--General	382.50
2558	Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C.	Contracts	7047 · Legal--General	160.00
2558	Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C.	Area A	7047 · Legal--General	432.00
2558	Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C.	Martin Diligence	7046 · Legal--WD project Diligence	1,192.00
				<u>12,190.00</u>

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FOURMILE

Num	Name	Memo	Account	Amount
1973	Colorado River Engineering, Inc.	Exchange acct, release memo	8033 · Hydrology -- Martin # 1 & 2	579.60
1974	Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C.	General	8050 · Legal--General	680.00
1974	Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C.	Zilm	8050 · Legal--General	374.00
				<u>1,633.60</u>

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SILT INTERCONNECT

Num	Name	Memo	Account	Amount
529	General Stored Water Enterprise Fund	Reimburse GWS	1550 · Due from Other Funds	3,762.28
530	Garfield County Clerk & Recorder	Memorandum	8000 · Memorandum Recording Fees	18.00
				<u>3,780.28</u>

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GRAND TOTAL

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