



WATER AND SEWER BOARD REGULAR MEETING
February 12, 2020 – 6:30 a.m.
2nd Floor Conference Room – 301 Walnut Street
Windsor, CO 80550

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairperson Bielawski called the meeting to order at 6:30 a.m.

1. <u>Roll Call</u>	Chairperson	Greg Bielawski
	Vice-Chairperson	Carlos Medina
	Secretary	Julie Cline
	Youth Advisory Board Member	Hunter Rivera
		Darell Zimbelman
		Milt Tokunaga
		Milton Geiger
		Janene Willey
	Town Board Liaison	Ken Bennett

Also present:

Community Development Director	John Thornhill
Storm Water Coordinator	Janine Hegeman
Utility Billing Admin Specialist	Erin Porter

2. Review of Agenda by the Board and Addition of items of New Business to the Agenda for Consideration by the Board
There were no new agenda items considered.
3. Public Invited to be Heard
There was no public comment.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the consent calendar.

C. BOARD ACTION

1. Minutes of January 8, 2020 Regular Meeting
Board Member Willey moved to accept the minutes for the January 8, 2020 meeting; Board Vice-Chairperson Medina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

D. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

1. Water Supply – Snowpack Update
Mr. Thornhill presented the current outlook for the snowpack. He stated that it is a little early to make decisions based on the current snowpack, but the current outlook is a little bit above average. He said the last storm jumped the snowpack from 110% to 131%, which is a good start.

2. Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP) Update – CDPHE 401 Certification

Mr. Thornhill said that he and Mr. Dean Moyer, the Finance Director, went to the Participants meeting for the Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP) on Monday, February 10, 2020, and were given an update on the project. The budget activity for 2019 reflected about \$2 million left which would offset some of the costs for the next year.

For the EIS, the Corps of Engineers are working on scheduling the Record of Decision (ROD) and the 404 permit. The project did receive the 401 certification from the state which was a big hurdle and the last thing necessary from the State of Colorado. People are challenging this certification and are asking for an extension on the comment period, which has to go to the Water Quality Control Division, who does not have their meeting until August. The Corps position is that they will continue to move ahead with the ROD.

The next critical path is the Wetlands Mitigation Plan that is being submitted. The project needs over 30 acres of wetlands mitigation, over 9 of those acres are being provided by Windsor from the south side of Eastman Park. Since wetlands are going to be taken away as part of the Glade Reservoir, those wetlands need to be replaced within the basin. About 21 acres are going to be put on the south end of the dam, and the rest have yet to be determined.

Larimer County was trying to go through an IGA process for Glade and pipelines, but they have moved to the 1041 process. The difference between the NISP participants and the Thornton pipeline applications is that NISP is providing a big benefit to Larimer County in terms of recreation on the site. So far staff seems to be pretty on board in Larimer County.

The Water Secure Project is an integral part of NISP. Instead of buying and drying up farms, conversations are happening with the Larimer and Weld Company and the New Cache Irrigation Company to secure the exchange potential and exchanges. The project has South Platte water rights, which need to be transported to Galeton to store. The water will be delivered to users of the two companies, and a like amount of water will be taken at Glade. The agreements with these companies will prevent buy and dry. The project has purchased 2 farms so far to help secure the exchange, but the water will stay with the farm.

The KOA property near Ted's Place is under contract and is scheduled to close in April. This property will be used as a staging area for the building of Glade Reservoir, and it might end up being part of the infrastructure improvements that are offered to Larimer County once the building is completed.

3. Regional Water Education – Ken Bennett

Mr. Bennett presented information regarding creating an ongoing education program. He stated that in order to change mindsets and habits, there needs to be a plan in place to educate consumers well before you attempt to gain support for a new measure or funding request. There are several groups that have educational opportunities available, but there is no communication between the groups. He was wondering about the value of bringing representatives from the different groups together on a quarterly or biannual basis to inform the others of what they were doing in terms of education and to coordinate messaging.

The board discussed the idea and agreed it would be good to share information, especially with the NISP program being expensive and not many members of the public are aware of what the program actually is and what the money is going towards. Mr. Bennett said he was hoping that in April there would be the first collaborative meeting within local groups to discuss these issues.

4. Back to the River, Why it Matters: Innovation Fair Discussion – February 22, 2020, Janene Willey

Board Vice-Chairman Medina spoke about the plan to have a booth at the Innovation Fair. The plan is to present information on the stormwater process and be there to answer questions. There will be an 8x8 booth handouts available on current and upcoming programs such as the Landscape Boot Camps.

5. Landscape Boot Camps – April 4, 11, 18 at the Community Rec Center

The committee is still waiting presentations so that we have background information on what is being presented. Members of the Water Sewer Board have been allocated to each of the days of the different boot camps. Registration is being held until March 16 to just Windsor residents. A water bill insert is also being created.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Activity of the Windsor Citizen Outreach & Education Committee

This has been previously presented.

2. Dates of Upcoming Events

- a. Poudre River Forum will be February 28, 2020 from 8:30am-4:30pm at the Embassy Suites in Loveland.
- b. The Spring Water Users meeting has been set, and will be in Greeley on April 7th, and you must pre-register.

3. Staff Communication

Ms. Porter provided information on the bill insert on water and stormwater rate increases that will be coming in the February 1, 2020 billing. She also stated that there is more information available on the new Windsor Water site.

G. ADJOURN

Board Member Zimelman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 am; Board Member Geiger seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:



Erin Porter, Utility Billing Administrative Specialist