

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES
of the
Board of Water Commissioners**

Denver Water Administration Building
1600 West 12th Avenue
Denver, CO
Board Room, First Floor

Video Conference: <http://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 828 9196 4065, Password: 089833
or Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 828 9196 4065

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Open Session

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, October 26, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference: <http://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 828 9196 4065, Password: 089833 or via Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 828 9196 4065. Members of the Board present during the Regular Meeting were:

Gary M. Reiff, President
Stephanie Donner, Vice President
Tyrone J. Gant, Vice President
Dominique Gómez, Vice President

Board employees and others present during portions of the meeting were:

J.S. Lochhead, CEO/Manager	T. Han, IT Business Sr. Analyst
J.A. Anderson, Chief of Staff	A. Joseph, Attorney
A. Bricmont, Chief Financial Officer	D. Lopez, IT Support Specialist
J. Brody, General Counsel	J. Martin, Project Engineer
B.D. Good, Chief Administrative Officer	D. Martinelli, Finance Associate Analyst
D. Gorgemans, Chief Internal Auditor	K. Oligney, Director IT Infrastructure
R. Mahoney, Chief Engineering Officer	S. Overby, Business Operations Support
R. Marsicek, Chief Water Resource Strategy Officer	C. Palmore, Business Sr. Analyst - EPMO
T.J. Roode, Chief Operations and Maintenance Officer	K. Petrik, Director Engineering - Construction
	J. Potts, Finance Analyst

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S. Abram, Director Finance Planning & Performance	C. Proctor, Communications Sr. Specialist
S. Adamkovics, Finance Sr. Analyst	L. Quintana, Administrative Sr. Assistant
B. Akins, Finance Sr. Analyst	K. Riegle, Attorney
J. Archer, Engineering Manager	P. Ries, Engineer Sr.
R. Badger, Planning Manager	B. Scott, IT Manager
A. Carmosino, Engineer Associate	L. Southard, Business Operations Support
A. Cavallaro, Paralegal	T. Thompson, Public Affairs Manager
S. Chesney, Director Public Affairs	W. Williams, IT Support Manager
J. Daly, Finance Sr. Analyst	C. Anstaett, Black & Veatch
D. Fairburn, Engineer	K. Brzozowski, Talson
C. Fikan, Finance Associate Analyst	T. Montonya
A. Flori, Engineer Sr.	Yvette Suarez, Talson
K. Forbes, Director Human Resources	

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Commissioner Reiff called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Upon motion regularly made, seconded and unanimously carried, Commissioner Jones was found to be absent for good cause and was excused.

Public Comment and Communications

Commissioner Reiff issued an invitation to members of the public to comment to the Board on any matters not included in the meeting Agenda. There was no public comment.

Commissioner Reiff noted for the record that the Board received a distributor communication from the Technical Advisory Committee, concurring with Denver Water's water rate recommendation and the Board's decision.

Ceremonies, Awards, and Introductions

Mr. Roode briefly reported on three awards Denver Water received from the Colorado Green Business Network (CGBN), including the Colorado Green Business Network Gold Leader Award, and the Energy Innovation Spotlight Award and Best Tasting Water Award given at the Annual CGBN Recognition Event.

ACTION ITEMS

Upon motion regularly made, seconded and unanimously carried by the Commissioners then present, unless otherwise noted, the Board acted upon the following agenda items:

1. ITEM II-A-1: REAPPOINTMENT TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – DISTRIBUTOR REPRESENTATIVE

Commissioner Reiff noted that this Agenda item was changed to reflect the corrected appointment for the distributor representative position.

Approved the appointment of Alyssa Quinn for a second, three-year term for the distributor representative position on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

2. ITEM II-A-2: 2022/2023 CATHODIC PROTECTION IMPROVEMENTS CONDUIT NOS. 15, 28, & 69 – CONTRACT 505148

Approved Contract 505148 with Kantex Industries, Inc. for 2022/2023 Cathodic Protection Improvements Conduit Nos. 15, 28, & 69, for the contract period from October 26, 2022 to December 20, 2023, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,446,300.

POLICY MATTERS

3. ITEM III-A: ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS – ON-CALL CONTRACTORS

Mr. Petrik presented the Board with the Engineering and Operations On-Call Contractors update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit A. He reported on the need to develop a new “on-call” contractor procurement method to complete smaller projects, explaining the approach, the issues, and contracting specifics involved.

He stated that both Operations and Engineering have approximately 20 emergency projects and several smaller projects, which are completed on an annual basis and present the need for a mechanism to quickly mobilize and procure contractors to perform these necessary services. The benefits include immediate contractor mobilization, shortening project duration, saving engineering staff time, and quality assurance.

Commissioner Reiff noted the importance of ensuring competitive selection remains a criterion in the procurement method.

Board members expressed support for this on-call approach.

4. ITEM III-B: GROSS RESERVOIR EXPANSION UPDATE

Mr. Martin presented the Board with the Gross Reservoir Expansion (GRE) Update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit B. He provided an update on construction progress on site, highlighting ongoing key activities, milestones, risk management, and the contingency budget. He noted that October 1, 2022 marks six months since commencement of construction.

The team remains focused on key activities through November, which include continued abutment excavation, hydro-demolition of the downstream dam face, concrete placement on both abutments, removal of the existing spillway and mass grading for batch plant, office, maintenance, and lower dam pads. Public outreach with the community is ongoing and Denver Water continues to make changes to its operations to accommodate public feedback and reduce impacts to its neighbors.

Mr. Martin stated that the contingency fund draw to date is \$6.1 million with a balance of \$26.9 million. The forecasted contingency requirement is currently \$45 million. The cumulative construction costs through September for the GRE 2022 program cost curve are behind forecast, mostly due to labor issues, work sequencing, and delayed non-critical work. Foundation excavation will be re-sequenced to extend through the winter months to regain momentum. The concrete production rate is on schedule and starting the dam raise in 2024 remains achievable.

EXECUTIVE UPDATE

5. ITEM IV-A: CEO UPDATE

Mr. Lochhead noted his recent attendance at the Colorado Trout Unlimited 2022 Fall Rendezvous and the Metro Chamber Gold Networking Event. He also provided an update on the progress of Colorado River Basin issues, stating that the Upper and Lower Basin states remain deadlocked on a resolution to conserve water and protect the long-term sustainability of the Colorado River System. Both Colorado Senators Hickenlooper and Bennett remain engaged on

this topic. Although the U.S. Department of Interior has encouraged the Upper and Lower Basin states to work together to reduce water consumption, the Department has remained largely silent as the states remain grid-locked. Without permanent water reductions in the near future, the forecast for this upcoming year remains grim.

6. ITEM IV-B CFO UPDATE

Ms. Bricmont reported that staff is working on the third-quarter forecast and the 2023 budget proposal and will have more to share with the Board next month.

BRIEFING PAPERS & REPORTS

7. ITEM V-A-1: REPORT FOR LEAD REDUCTION PROGRAM DASHBOARD

The Board received a Report for the Lead Reduction Program Dashboard, a copy of which is incorporated and attached to these Minutes as Exhibit C.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business appearing, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into an Executive Session at approximately 9:37 a.m.

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Secretary

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