

**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: 882 3417 6376, Password: 600590
or Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 882 3417 6376

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Open Session

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, March 27, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference: <http://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 882 3417 6376, Password: 600590 or via Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 882 3417 6376. Members of the Board present during the Regular Meeting were:

Dominique Gómez, President
Tyrone J. Gant, Vice President
Craig Jones, Vice President
Gary M. Reiff, Vice President

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

A. Salazar, CEO/Manager	C. Fikan, Finance Associate Analyst
J.A. Anderson, Chief of Staff	A. Hill, Government Relations Liaison
A. Bricmont, Chief Financial Officer	L. Kleats, Treasurer
J. Brody, General Counsel	J. Martin, Project Engineer
D. Gorgemans, Chief Internal Auditor	P. McCormick, Project Engineer
A. Heidema, <i>Acting</i> Chief Engineering Officer	J. Mellette, Organizational Improvement Sr. Facilitator
R. Marsicek, Chief Water Resource Strategy Officer	K. Oligney, Director IT Infrastructure
J. Nolte, <i>Acting</i> Chief Administrative Officer	J. Potts, Finance Sr. Analyst
	A. Powe, Organizational Improvement Sr. Facilitator

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T. Roode, Chief Operations and Maintenance Officer
K. Arbour, Business Operations Support
S. Behunek, Public Affairs Manager
C. Brummitt, Attorney
H. Carroll, IT Support Manager
A. Cavallaro, Paralegal Sr.
Y. Cha, Procurement Manager
E. Crain, Procurement Specialist
M. Crosswright, Executive Assistant
F. Davis, Rates Manager
L. Duffy, Finance Sr. Analyst
C. Easom, Attorney
H. Ego, Organizational Improvement Sr. Facilitator
L. Ellingson, Engineer Sr.

C. Proctor, Communications Sr. Specialist
L. Quintana, Administrative Sr. Assistant
K. Riegle, Attorney Sr.
L. Schulz, Customer Relations Manager
L. Southard, Business Operations Support
S. Stephen, IT Support Sr. Specialist
P. Williams, Executive Assistant
J. Crockett, Jacobs
T. Georgis, NewGen Strategies
R. Giardina, Raftelis
C. Lane, Platte Canyon Water & Sanitation District
M. McKinstrey

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Commissioner Gómez called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Upon motion regularly made, seconded and unanimously carried, Commissioner Donner was found to be absent for good cause and was excused.

Public Comment and Communications

Commissioner Gómez 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.

Ceremonies, Awards, and Introductions

Mr. Salazar reported on Denver Water's partnership with Jefferson County Public Schools' Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, which promote career and industry education to prepare students for real-world careers. He announced that Denver Water was nominated by industry partner peers as a CTE champion in molding future talent and providing high-quality, work-based learning programs. Mr. Salazar thanked staff for their collaboration and contribution.

Legislative Update

Mr. Hill discussed the details of several notable bills currently being tracked by Denver Water staff, including HB24-1362 Measures to Incentivize Graywater Use; HB24-1313 Housing in Transit Oriented Communities; and HB24-1379 Regulate Dredge and Fill Activities in State Waters. In the coming weeks, he anticipates a bill regulating special district's authority over system development fees.

Mr. Hill was available to answer any questions regarding the Legislative Update Briefing Paper. The Board had no questions.

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: TWENTY-THIRD AUTHORIZATION FOR ADDITIONAL CONTRACT FUNDS WITH DLT SOLUTIONS LLC FOR AUTOCAD SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL – CONTRACT 500355

Approved the Twenty-Third Authorization for Additional Contract Funds to Contract 500355 with DLT Solution LLC, for an extension of the contract period through April 5, 2025, for an additional \$117,962, bringing the total contract amount to \$1,608,655.

POLICY MATTERS

2. ITEM III-A: 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 A. He provided an update on construction site activities, highlighting key activity progress and accomplishments, and outlining production timeframes for construction completion. Winter work efforts have allowed the completion of work in critical areas, including the foundation excavation. Grouting along the lower right abutment was completed on time despite challenging conditions. Although unusual weather conditions have recently slowed the roller-compacted concrete (RCC) placement testing, the dam raise remains on track to commence in May 2024.

Construction billing through year-end was approximately \$116 million, close to the overall projected budget cost curve of \$118 million for 2023. Major accomplishments to date include completion of the site development, dam surface preparation, and foundation excavation; construction of a new intersection at Highway 72 and Gross Dam Road; construction of a new materials testing lab building; and improvements to Gross Dam Road for construction traffic. The team celebrated the completion of Phase 1 of construction with a commemorative coin, which will be issued again upon completion of Phase 2.

Ongoing public outreach efforts continue within the community and the team finished out the year with its second annual 2023 holiday food and fund drive. The team continues to pursue innovative ways to minimize its biomass footprint, one of which is through a biochar process, which mitigates climate change through carbon sequestration; improves soil quality as a soil amendment; and reduces agricultural and forestry waste.

3. ITEM III-B: NORTHWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE

Mr. McCormick presented the Board with the Northwater Treatment Plant (NTP) Update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit B. He provided photos of construction progress on-site, explaining that crews are working on site finishes and landscaping. The operations staff has been fully mobilized for the last few weeks and has begun monitoring the water quality now that the facility has been fully disinfected from NTP through the Moffat Treatment Plant. The next phase involves sending water to the distribution system with the expectation of getting the facility online and sending water to Moffat in April 2024.

The project estimate at completion (EAC) remains at \$518.1 million, which is just under the project forecast of \$520 million. Costs are approaching \$492.2 million spent to date. The owner contingency is projected to finish slightly under budget with the contractor contingency expected to be fully spent. Minority and women-owned enterprise (MWBE) spending has exceeded the targeted participation of \$31.5 million.

EXECUTIVE UPDATE

4. ITEM IV-A: CEO UPDATE

Mr. Salazar shared that he attended a conference at CSU Spur Campus involving the Hermanas Del Rio/River Sisters Partnership, which strives to facilitate goodwill and leadership exchange in support of restoring the Colorado River. The meeting was a celebration to promote creative, cultural, educational, and economic exchanges locally and beyond. Mr. Salazar stated that he was honored to participate and represent Denver Water.

5. ITEM IV-B: CFO UPDATE

Ms. Bricmont reported that the February Financial Report has been prepared for the Board's review, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit C.

Ms. Kleats provided a brief update on the Commercial Paper Program, noting the benefits of the program and its success at meeting Denver Water's needs. She added that the 2024 Financing Strategy will be presented to the Board in April.

6. ITEM IV-C: OPERATIONS UPDATE

Mr. Roode reported that Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) has awarded a \$7 million grant to the High Line Canal Conservancy, in partnership with Arapahoe County, the City of Aurora, and the City and County of Denver, for improvements to 28 miles of the High Line Canal Trail. He stated that in addition to other improvements, this funding will go to improved access, landscaping, restorage projects, and signage.

BRIEFING PAPERS & REPORTS

7. ITEM V-A-1: BRIEFING PAPER FOR LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY

The Board received a Briefing Paper for Legislative Strategy, a copy of which is incorporated and attached to these Minutes as Exhibit D.

8. ITEM V-B-1: WATER SUPPLY UPDATE REPORT

The Board received a Report for Water Supply Update, a copy of which is incorporated and attached to these Minutes as Exhibit E.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business appearing, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into an Executive Session at approximately 9:39 a.m.

DocuSigned by:
Alan Salazar
Secretary

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Dominique Gomez
President