

**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, February 14, 2024

Open Session

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, February 14, 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
Stephanie Donner, First Vice 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	H. Judd, Organization Improvement Facilitator
J.A. Anderson, Chief of Staff	A. Krcmarik, Planner Lead
A. Bricmont, Chief Financial Officer	M. Laws, Business Analyst
J. Brody, General Counsel	J. Lorton, Director Accounting
B.D. Good, Chief Administrative Officer	P. McCormick, Project Engineer
D. Gorgemans, Chief Internal Auditor	K. Oligney, Director IT Infrastructure
R. Mahoney, Chief Engineering Officer	I. Oliver, Director SOS
R. Marsicek, Chief Water Resource Strategy Officer	C. Palmore, Business Sr. Analyst

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T.J. Roode, Chief Operations and Maintenance Officer
 S. Adamkovics, Finance Sr. Analyst
 J. Archer, Engineering Manager
 R. Badger, Planning Manager
 J. Blackwell, SOS Manager
 C. Burri, Interagency Project Manager
 D. Castañeda, Engineer
 A. Cavallaro, Paralegal Sr.
 T. Cogan, Director Support Operations
 M. Crosswright, Executive Assistant
 J. Daly, Finance Sr. Analyst
 S. Dozier, IT Application Developer
 L. Duffy, Finance Sr. Analyst
 C. Easom, Attorney
 C. Fikan, Finance Associate Analyst
 M. Freeman, Grants Administrator
 C. Gonzales, Internal Sr. Auditor
 A. Hill, Government Relations Liaison
 A. Ingram, Procurement Supervisor
 G. Johnson, Planning Manager
 A. Joseph, Attorney Sr.

R. Pence, Engineer
 C. Proctor, Communications Sr. Specialist
 L. Quintana, Administrative Sr. Assistant
 K. Riegle, Attorney Sr.
 G. Rygh, Director Water Distribution
 L. Schulz, Customer Relations Manager
 B. Scott, IT Manager
 L. Southard, Business Operations Support
 R. Walsh, Engineering Manager
 J. Walter, Finance Analyst
 D. Weigel, Engineering Specialist
 P. Williams, Executive Assistant
 D. Wilson, Construction Project Sr. Manager
 T. Winchell, Planner Sr.
 D. Winter, Director Organizational Improvement
 A. Witheridge, Scientist Lead
 J. Wittler, Attorney
 A. Wright, Scientist Sr.
 E. Crane

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Commissioner Gómez called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

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.

Legislative Update

Mr. Hill reported that one month into the Legislative Session, approximately 450 bills have been introduced. Denver Water is currently supporting SB24-005 Prohibit Landscaping Practices for Water Conservation, which passed out of the Senate and was introduced to the House, along with SB24-081 Perfluoroalkyl & Polyfluoroalkyl Chemicals, and HB24-1062 Warrants for Metro Sewage Disposal Districts. Staff is also

reviewing draft legislation related to domestic graywater use, a state dredge and fill program, and the Colorado Open Records Act. A summary of the most notable bills has been provided to the Board.

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: MINUTES FROM JANUARY 10, 2024

Approved the Minutes from the January 10, 2024 Board Meeting.

2. ITEM II-A-2: MINUTES FROM JANUARY 24, 2024

Approved the Minutes from the January 24, 2024 Board Meeting.

**3. ITEM II-A-3: BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY IMPROVEMENTS
– CONTRACT 505729**

Approved Contract 505729 with R&D Pipeline Construction, Inc. for Backflow Prevention Assembly Improvements, for the contract period from February 14, 2024 to January 15, 2025, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,198,355.

**4. ITEM II-A-4: THIRD AUTHORIZATION WITH EVOTEK INC. –
CONTRACT 10428**

Approved the Third Authorization to Contract 10428 with Evotek Inc. for Cohesity data protection services, for an extension of the contract period through January 11, 2027, and an additional \$152,202, for a total amended contract amount not to exceed \$868,062.

**5. ITEM II-A-5: PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT OF WYNETKA
RESERVOIR PROPERTY – CONTRACT 505912**

Approved Contract 505912 with Miller United Real Estate, LLC for sale of the Wynetka Reservoir Property at 4501 W. Bowles Avenue, for a total contract receivable amount of \$3,200,000.

Authorized the CEO/Manager or Chief of Engineering Officer to 1) execute closing documents, 2) enter into subsequent amendments of the contract, and 3) enter into other agreements consistent with Contract 505912, as necessary, to convey the Wynetka Reservoir Property.

POLICY MATTERS

6. ITEM III-A: ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY 2024

Mr. Roode presented the Board with the 2024 Denver Water Business Model and Policy Sequencing – Asset Management update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit A. He provided a high-level overview of the Denver Water 2024 business model and asset management program, discussing the overall management approach, short- and long-term system planning and investment strategies, and asset lifecycle. He elaborated that asset management encompasses the management of both physical and infrastructure assets, with a focus on maximizing their value throughout their entire lifecycle. Denver Water's assets include its collection system, water treatment system, distribution system, and systemwide assets, in addition to its watersheds, property, fleet assets, and IT assets.

Mr. Roode compared Denver Water's approach to industry standard, stating that most water and wastewater utilities target the level of proactive maintenance based upon importance and cost to gain longer lifespan and higher reliability. Like other utilities, Denver Water shares similar challenges and seeks to improve its asset management resources, utilize data and technology effectively, and extend planning horizons. Denver Water's Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) includes a 5-year roadmap to address these challenges, allow for better decision-making, and lower lifecycle costs. Additional alternatives and associated risks and costs will be provided to the Board.

7. ITEM III-B: SOUTH SYSTEM PLANNING PROGRAM (SSPP)

Ms. Castañeda presented the Board with the South System Planning Program (SSPP), a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit B. She provided an overview of the scope of the SSPP, stating that the purpose of the SSPP was to evaluate the needs of the aging South System, which comprises the raw water supply, the Marston and Foothills Water Treatment Plants, and associated finished water distribution system. This evaluation addressed the risks to the South System's operation and

performance, climate change impacts, and regulatory changes for source waters, treatment processes, and water quality.

Ms. Castañeda reported that the South System Roadmap is a comprehensive, flexible plan that incorporates a fiscally responsible 20-year strategy, which balances the need to meet Denver Water's high level of service with ongoing capital improvements that include the Northwater Treatment Plant, Lead Reduction Program, and Gross Reservoir Expansion. Strategies were utilized to increase system performance and resiliency, optimize expenditure smoothing, and plan for uncertain future conditions.

EXECUTIVE UPDATE

8. ITEM IV-A: CEO UPDATE

Mr. Salazar reported that in the past six months, he has been able to meet with many Denver Water employees and is looking forward to additional focused discussions with groups of employees. He added that he recently signed a comment letter to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the Lead and Copper Rule and was impressed by how Denver Water's comments emphasized its desire to educate and assist others in achieving important public health goals based on its experience rather than seeking a benefit for Denver Water or asking for relief from proposed requirements.

9. ITEM IV-B: CFO UPDATE

Ms. Bricmont provided a brief update on Denver Water's credit rating, touching on the possible impacts of the growing debt burden over the next several years. She noted the recent affirmation of Denver Water's AAA rating.

10. ITEM IV-C: OPERATIONS UPDATE

Mr. Roode reported that Denver Water is leading Colorado in terms of recycled water. RUFUS ("Reuse For Us") received approval about a month ago from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) and is now up and running. It is the first system in Colorado to treat wastewater on site, utilizing recycled water for flushing toilets and urinals, as well as outdoor irrigation.

Mr. Mahoney provided a brief update on the Northwater Treatment Plant, noting that the critical piece of replacement equipment has been delivered and installed.

Final county inspections are underway, and water is anticipated to be in the system by April.

BRIEFING PAPERS & REPORTS

11. ITEM V-A-1: BRIEFING PAPER FOR ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY 2024

The Board received a Briefing Paper for Asset Management Policy 2024, a copy of which is incorporated and attached to these Minutes as Exhibit C.

12. ITEM V-A-2: BRIEFING PAPER FOR SOUTH SYSTEM PLANNING PROGRAM

The Board received a Briefing Paper for the South System Planning Program, a copy of which is incorporated and attached to these Minutes as Exhibit D.

13. ITEM V-A-3: BRIEFING PAPER FOR LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY

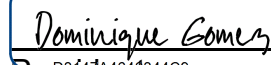
The Board received a Briefing Paper for Legislative Strategy, a copy of which is incorporated and attached to these Minutes as Exhibit E.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business appearing, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into an Executive Session at approximately 9:58 a.m.

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President