

## **Record Of Proceedings**

### **Minutes Of the Meeting of the La Plata Archuleta Water District Held August 8, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the La Plata Archuleta Water District, Sundance/Farraday Subdistrict, and Fox Fire Subdistrict, La Plata County, Colorado, (“District”) was held on August 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at 255 Ute Street, Ignacio Colorado 81137.

#### **Attendance**

##### **Directors in Attendance**

Dick Lunceford

Ron Dent

Kent Curtis

Mark Williams

##### **Director In Attendance by Telephone**

Dan Lynn

##### **Also In Attendance**

Ed Tolen, La Plata Archuleta Water District Manager

Yvonne Brunson, Customer Service Representative, La Plata Archuleta Water District

Dave Henry, Harris Water Engineering

Michelle Sainio, FredrickZink and Associates

Taryn Centerbar, FredrickZink and Associates

Cheryl Lynn, Secretary to the Board

##### **In Attendance via Telephone**

David Greher, Cockrel Ela Glesne Greher & Ruhland

Micki Mills, Cockrel Ela Glesne Greher & Ruhland

Karmen King, Grayling

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Lunceford called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### **Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest**

Disclosure of potential conflicts of interest will be a topic of discussion at every Board meeting to address potential conflicts of interest that may arise as new agenda items are introduced. District Directors who have disclosed potential conflicts of interest can vote as issues arise, to the extent their participation is needed for a quorum. Directors present and present via telephone reported no conflicts of interest.

#### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Director Dent, seconded by Director Curtis, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the July 11, 2024, Regular Board Meeting were approved as written.

## **Financial Report**

### **Approval and Payment of Invoices**

Directors reviewed and clarified the August 2024 Accounts Payable and the August 2024 Accountant's Compilation Reports. Upon motion duly made by Director Williams, seconded by Director Curtis, and unanimously carried, payment of the invoices as shown on the attached Accounts Payable Statement dated August 7, 2024, were approved as submitted.

## **Finance Committee Report**

Ms. Centerbar advised the Board that they will have a draft of the 2023 La Plata Archuleta Water District Audit for the September 12, 2024 Board meeting. Michelle Sainio of FredrickZink and Associates requested the extension as reported at the July 11, 2024 Board meeting.. The cost of the audit should still fall within the original Audit proposal amount. The 2023 and 2022 District audits have been more costly than the audits performed by the Beckstead audit group.

## **Public Relations/Communications Committee Report**

Per Item #6 in the General Manager's August 2024 Report, Mr. Tolen received an email from property owners at 2991 County Road 509 claiming to own property to the center of County Road 509. Mr. Tolen responded by sending them a copy of the plat, which shows that the property that is occupied by the County Road 509 rights-of-way was conveyed to the County when the property was subdivided, to which he has received no further communication from the property owners.

## **Legal Report**

### **Inclusion of Real Properties**

Chairman Lunceford opened a public hearing to consider a Petition for Inclusion of Real Property into the La Plata Archuleta Water District from Maria Dextra Cercos and Jane A. Hooper, Petitioners, for property located at 3147 County Road 509, Bayfield, CO 81122 and to consider a Petition for Inclusion of Real Property into the La Plata Archuleta Water District from Kyle and Julie Wells, Petitioners, for property located at 1630 County Road 509, Bayfield, CO 81122. There being no public comment the hearing was closed. Upon motion duly made by Director Lynn, seconded by Director Dent, and unanimously carried the Board issued the Order approving such Petitions and authorized the filing of such Board Order and Petitions with the District Court requesting that the final Order of Inclusion for such properties be issued.

## **Legislation**

Counsel Greher reported that Proposition 50 and Proposition 108 are both scheduled to appear on the November 5, 2024 General Election Ballot. Chairman Lunceford requested that Counsel Greher prepare a Resolution stating the opposition of La Plata Archuleta Water District to both Propositions.

## **Engineer Report**

### **Fox Fire Pipeline/ Fox Fire Distribution System**

Mr. Henry advised the Board that Cost Estimates have been delivered to Mr. Tolen. Two pump bids have been received for good quality pumps. Pump details are needed from the drafter, including specifications for below ground vaults, surge drains, and above ground control panels. Due to dramatically increased costs Mr. Tolen estimates it will be necessary to request a

Department of Local Affairs Energy Impact Grant in the amount of \$300,000 to add to the \$800,000 CDPHE funding to fully fund the project.

### **Phase 2D Pipeline**

Mr. Henry reported that the meeting with the Colorado Department of Transportation remains to be conducted.

### **Environmental Report**

Ms. King advised the Board that she has been working with TRC Construction to ensure Clean Water Act requirements are met. This has been a learning process. Looking to the future it will be necessary for contractors to understand the layers of permits from such entities at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Environmental Protection Agency in order to properly bid, engineer, and build projects requiring those permits.

### **General Manager Report**

#### **Consider Approving a Construction Contract with LPEA to Extend Power for the New Shop**

Upon motion duly made by Director Dent, seconded by Director Curtis, and unanimously carried a Construction Contract with LPEA to Extend Power for the New Shop was approved.

#### **Consider Approving an Easement for LPEA to Extend Power to the New Shop**

Upon motion made by Director Dent, seconded by Director Williams, and unanimously carried an Easement for LPEA to Extend Power to the New Shop was approved.

#### **Consider Approving a Statement of Authority Authorizing the General Manager to Execute Documents with LPEA**

Upon motion duly made by Director Williams, seconded by Director Dent, and unanimously carried, a Statement of Authority Authorizing the General Manager to Execute Documents with LPEA was approved.

### **Phase 2C**

Mr. Tolen and Mr. Henry advised the Board that the original plan was to switch sides of the road as water pipe was installed. However, due to incomplete as-built plans for some of the already installed gas and phone line infrastructure and to avoid creating installation and maintenance problems for the new water pipe, it has been decided to stay on the same side of the road until the top of the hill is reached.

### **CR 311 Storage Building**

Mr. Tolen reported that bids are out for the CR 311 Storage Building. Drawings were sent to three (3) plan rooms and one (1) contractor has picked up plans already.

Please see Mr. Tolen's August 2024 General Manager Report for additional information.

### **Executive Session**

No Executive Session was conducted.

### **Any Other Matter Which May Come Before the Board**

No other matter was presented.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. The next regular meeting of LAPLAWD is scheduled for September 12, 2024.

**Prepared By**

Cheryl Lynn  
Secretary for the Meeting

**Approved**

Richard T. Lunceford

Daniel R. Lynn, III

Mark Williams

Ron Dent

Kent Curtis