

## **Record Of Proceedings**

### **Minutes Of the Meeting of the La Plata Archuleta Water District**

#### **Held June 13, 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 June 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at 255 Ute Street, Ignacio Colorado 81137.

#### **Attendance**

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

Dick Lunceford

Dan Lynn

Ron Dent

Mark Williams

##### **Director Whose Absence Was Excused**

Kent Curtis

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

Ed Tolen, La Plata Archuleta Water District Manager

Steve Harris, Harris Water Engineering

Dave Henry, Harris Water Engineering

Taryn Centerbar, FredrickZink and Associates

Karmen King, Grayling

Cheryl Lynn, Secretary to the Board

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

David Greher, Cockrel Ela Glesne Greher & Ruhland

Micki Mills, Cockrel Ela Glesne Greher & Ruhland

#### **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. Directors present 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 Lynn, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the May 9, 2024, Regular Board Meeting were approved as written.

#### **Financial Report**

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

Directors reviewed and clarified the June 2024 Accounts Payable and the June 2024 Accountant’s Compilation Reports. Upon motion duly made by Director Williams, seconded by Director Dent, and unanimously carried, payment of the invoices as shown on the attached Accounts Payable Statement dated June 12, 2024, were approved as submitted.

## **Finance Committee Report**

Ms. Centerbar advised the Board that she had received a request for information from the auditor and anticipates more requests as the 2023 District Audit moves toward completion.

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

No Public Relations/Communications Report was given.

## **Legal Report**

Chairman Lunceford opened a public hearing to consider a Petition for Inclusion of Real Property into the La Plata Archuleta Water District, from Garry C. Poulton and Bert Poulton, Petitioners, for property located at 170 Arroyo Seco Drive, Bayfield, CO 81122. There being no public comments the hearing was closed. Upon motion duly made by Director Lynn, seconded by Director Dent and unanimously carried the Petition for Inclusion of Real Property into the La Plata Archuleta Water District for 170 Arroyo Seco Drive, Bayfield, CO 81122, was approved. Of interest, this property is located in a small subdivision accessible from County Road 509 in the vicinity of the District's upcoming pipeline installation.

Counsel Greher referred the Board to the Executive Summary regarding the Update on Property Tax Legislation and Initiative 50 dated May 28, 2024. This Executive Summary is intended to provide a broad overview of the most impactful provisions in recent property tax legislation and Initiative 50, which will be on the statewide ballot at the November 5, 2024 general election. The impact to the District is that the legislation would seek to restrain revenue for Special Districts, including the District. Counsel Greher will keep the Board and management of the District advised of the status of this legislation.

## **Engineer Report**

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

Mr. Henry advised the Board that the project itself is basically ready to go to bid except that the pump company he had contacted has not provided pump information as requested. Therefore, he has contacted Cundiff for information related to Gould pumps. As a reminder, a hydrostatic tank of 500 gallons replaces a holding tank. The purpose of the hydrostatic tank is to reduce pump starts and increase pump life. Mr. Henry will advise the Board as engineering progress is made. Following finalization of engineering Mr. Tolen will begin the financial aspects of the project – a loan and grant application process with several financing options possible.

### **Phase 2C**

Mr. Henry noted that there has been no preconstruction meeting to date, pending approval of a Storm Water Permit. Upon receipt of that permit the project should be ready to go to bid and construction.

### **Phase 2D Pipeline**

Phase 2D Pipeline project work will ensue following a meeting with the Colorado Department of Transportation.

## **Environmental Report**

Ms. King is helping to guide TRC through the Environmental Assessment Review and Acceptance process for the Fox Fire project. A public meeting was held on June 11, 2024, with approximately 12 people in attendance, one of whom expressed financial concerns.

## **General Manager Report**

Mr. Tolen reviewed his June 2024 General Manager's Report in more depth, particularly with respect to El Ranchos Florida's purchases of water.

### **County Road 311 Storage Building**

Mr. Tolen reported that La Plata County has approved the plan for the Storage Building on County Road 311. He now needs a Fire Department permit. He noted that it will cost approximately \$35,000 to \$40,000 for La Plata Electric Association to provide electricity to the site.

### **Purchase of Water from the Colorado Water Conservation Board**

Upon motion duly made by Director Lynn, seconded by Director Dent, and unanimously carried the Board approved Mr. Tolen's request to begin the process of purchasing water from the Colorado Water Conservation Board earlier than usual to ensure transactions are complete in a timely manner. The District has purchased 520 acre feet of the 2,500 acre feet for which the District has a contract.

### **Proposal from Streamline for Website**

To comply with 2021 State Legislation which requires all state and local government websites comply with ADA guidelines, the District will almost assuredly need to contract with a vendor to provide the service. To do otherwise by hiring a computer technician for the office would likely be even more costly. The Board and Mr. Tolen discussed a proposal received and the possibility of other proposals to come. No decision was made at this meeting pending additional information to be received and exploration of specifics as they apply to the District.

### **Fiberoptic Change**

Mr. Tolen requested the ability to make a change in service for the office building from Century Link to fiberoptics. The cost will remain largely the same but service is anticipated to vastly improve.

Please see Mr. Tolen's June 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 10:09 a.m. The next regular meeting of the District is scheduled for July 11, 2024.

## **Prepared By**

Cheryl Lynn  
Secretary for the Meeting

## **Approved**

Richard T. Lunceford

Daniel R. Lynn, III

Mark Williams

Ron Dent

Kent Curtis