

Record Of Proceedings
Minutes Of the Meeting of the La Plata Archuleta Water District
Held January 9, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the La Plata Archuleta Water District, Sundance/Farraday Subdistrict No. 1, Skyview Subdistrict and Fox Fire Subdistrict, La Plata County, Colorado, (“District”) was held on January 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at 255 Ute Street, Ignacio Colorado 81137.

Attendance

Directors in Attendance

Dick Lunceford
Dan Lynn
Ron Dent
Kent Curtis
Mark Williams

Also In Attendance

Ed Tolen, La Plata Archuleta Water District Manager
Yvonne Brunson, La Plata Archuleta Water District Customer Service Representative
Steve Harris, Harris Water Engineering
Dave Henry, Harris Water Engineering
Barb Prose, FredrickZink and Associates
Michelle Sainio, FredrickZink and Associates
Taryn Centerbar, FredrickZink and Associates
Cheryl Lynn, Secretary to the Board

In Attendance via Telephone

Karmen King, Grayling
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 December 14, 2023, Regular Board Meeting were approved as written.

Financial Report

Approval and Payment of Invoices – Directors reviewed and clarified the January 2024 Accounts Payable and the January 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 January 8, 2024, were approved as submitted.

Finance Committee Report

Approval of 2024 Budget Actions

Mr. Tolen advised the Board that, having conducted the Budget Hearing at their monthly meeting on December 14, 2023, they will now need to approve final 2024 Budget actions today. Upon motion duly made by Director Lynn, seconded by Director Dent, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Resolutions to Adopt the 2024 LAPLAWD Budget, Certify Mill Levies, and Appropriate Sums of Money.

Approval of Engagement Letter for 2024 with FredrickZink & Associates for Accounting Services

Directors reviewed the proposed FredrickZink 2024 Engagement Letter. Upon motion duly made by Director Lynn, seconded by Director Dent, and unanimously carried the Board approved the Engagement Letter for 2024 with FredrickZink & Associates.

Approval of Engagement Letter with Haynie & Company for preparation of the 2023 Audit

Directors reviewed the proposed Engagement Letter with Haynie & Company. Upon motion duly made by Director Lynn, seconded by Director Curtis, and unanimously carried the Board approved the Engagement Letter with Haynie & Company for the 2023 Audit.

Public Relations/Communications Committee Report

Mr. Tolen had nothing new to report.

Legal Report

Adoption of Resolution Designating a Location to Post Notice of Meetings – Upon motion duly made by Director Lynn, seconded by Director Harris, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the Resolution Designating a Location to Post Notice.

Engineer Report

Upper Colorado River Water Commission

Mr. Harris commended Becky Mitchell, Colorado’s Commissioner on the Upper Colorado Water Commission, who is proving to be a strong advocate for the Upper Colorado River Basin. Mr. Harris reminded the Board of the potential renegotiation of Colorado River Operating Guidelines when the current agreement sunsets in 2026. Given the time required for water negotiations, Mr. Harris suggested that any changes to the guidelines need to be considered soon. Mr. Henry

reported that the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) in Los Angeles is moving forward with their reclaimed water plan, which should decrease the reliance on the Colorado River by MWD.

Pine River Irrigation District (PRID)

Mr. Harris reported that Steve Wolf will report on the Colorado River negotiations at the PRID meeting.

Phase 2D Pipeline

Mr. Henry has filed construction permits and continues to pursue a meeting with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to discuss alignment and environmental issues.

Fox Fire Distribution System

Mr. Henry told the Board the project will require the purchase of pumps and suggested the District may want to be the purchaser rather than having the contractor make the purchase.

Phase 2C Pipeline

Mr. Henry reported that the final draft of 2C is complete as are the contract documents and many project details.

Survey

Mr. Henry reported that Frank Gibbons continues work relative to the survey of County Road 509 in the vicinity of the project. The road has shifted alignment slightly from the original 1909 survey, but right of way easements should move with it through prescriptive use. Mr. Gibbons is putting care into this process, counting on the law to support the District in its right of way and road alignment plans.

Environmental Report

Ms. King advised the Board that she and Mr. Henry are waiting to hear from CDOT regarding environmental and alignment issues. She also requested the final alignment for the 2C Project so she can verify that wetland impacts have not increased to the point that a new permit will be required.

General Manager Report

Approval of a Banking Resolution to Remove and Add Signers

With Ms. Prose's retirement it is necessary to remove and add names of people who may sign on the bank account. Upon motion duly made by Director Dent, seconded by Director Lynn and unanimously carried the Board approved a Resolution Designating Authorized Parties to Act on Behalf of the District and its Subdistricts with Regard to the District's and Subdistricts' Bank Accounts.

Pine River Irrigation District Annual Meeting and Appointment of Proxy

Upon motion duly made by Director Lynn, seconded by Director Dent, and unanimously carried the Board appointed Director Williams to act as Proxy.

Morrison Ditch Company Annual Meeting and Appointment of Proxy

Upon motion duly made by Director Lynn, seconded by Director Dent, and unanimously carried the Board appointed Mr. Tolen to act as Proxy.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was conducted.

Any Other Matter Which May Come Before the Board

No other matters were discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m. The next regular meeting of LAPLAWD is scheduled for February 8, 2024.

Prepared By

Cheryl Lynn
Secretary for the Meeting

Approved

Richard T. Lunceford

Daniel R. Lynn, III

Mark Williams

Ron Dent

Kent Curtis