

The Board of Directors of the Left Hand Water District, meeting as the Board of the District and of the Left Hand Water Activity Enterprise, held their regular meeting on March 19, 2015 at the District offices, 6800 Nimbus Road, Longmont, Colorado. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Bo Shaffer at 9:05a.m.

Directors Present: Bo Shaffer, Vice President
Julie Trumpler, Secretary
John Brunner, Treasurer
Mark Hochhauser, Director
Paul Schlagel, Director
Dan Lisco, Director

Directors Absent: Corey Heil (Excused)

Staff and Consultants: Chris Smith, General Manager
Vicki Santos, Finance Manager
Darwin Williams, District Engineer
Scott Holwick, Attorney
Meghan Connolly, Engineering Technician
Lilah Imes, Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors
Peter Bowron, Treatment

Public Present: Brian Werner, Public Information Officer, Northern Water
Amy Johnson, Water Resource Engineer, Northern Water

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING HELD 2/19/2015

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes of the February 19, 2015, Board meeting were submitted prior to the meeting.

MSP: *Director Schlagel moved to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2015. Motion seconded by Treasurer Brunner. Motion carried unanimously.*

SUBJECT: TAPS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

Steven & Stacy Gentry – Vista Commercial Center Filing 1 Block 1; Lot 8:

This is a request for a 5/8 inch Commercial Tap to serve a future plumbing wholesale business in Vista Commercial Center on Hwy 119 east of Longmont. The construction plans for this business are not completed. However, at closing the applicant received the amount necessary to purchase a tap from the District as part of the contract. Per the Purchase & Sales Agreement, the tap needs to be purchased within a certain time frame. Discussion.

MSP: *Director Schlagel moved to approve a 5/8 inch commercial tap with 1.0 unit of C-BT for VCC Filing 1; Block 1 Lot 8 conditional on meeting all requirements for service including the submittal and approval of a Commercial Supplemental Form and Construction Plans prior to connection to the system. Motion seconded by Treasurer Brunner. Motion carried unanimously.*

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Financial Statements:

Vicki Santos presented the financial reports and payables for the month of February 2015. Discussion.

Bills and Appropriations:

A listing of monthly bills and appropriations was presented for review prior to the meeting. The total payables equaled \$557,772.28

Audit Planning Communication:

The 2014 Audit process is currently underway. Anton Collins Mitchell, LLP provided an "Audit Planning Report" for the Board of Directors to review. This report outlines the engagement objectives and a timeline process. A draft audit will be presented to the Board at June's Directors meeting. Discussion.

SUBJECT: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Colorado Water Congress – Water Legislation Summaries:

A copy of the Colorado Water Congress "State Affairs Committee Water Legislation Summaries" was provided to the Board of Directors and the District. The summaries are intended to be descriptive, not as a legal analysis. Discussion.

NISP-Update:

Brian Warner, Public Information Officer for Northern Water and Amy Johnson, Water Resource Engineer, for Northern Water attended the Board meeting this month. They reviewed the status of the project and updated the Board on how the District, as a strong participant, can become more engaged once the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) is released by the Army Corps of Engineers later this spring. The need for future water sources as the population grows is evident and the resolve of all the 15 NISP participants has grown stronger. Every lead agriculture entity in the state has shown support for this project. Also, a 2013 survey showed 70% of public support. When the Army Corp of Engineers releases the SDEIS, there will be a 45 day public comment period followed by public hearings. Discussion.

State Archivist Office – Records Management Schedule Approval:

The District has received approval from the State Archivists Office to utilize the Special Districts Records Management Schedule. A copy letter was presented to the Board and staff will begin following the management schedule accordingly. Discussion.

Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group (LWOG) Update:

Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group received a notice that they will receive a grant in the amount of \$189,859.00 from the CDBG-DR Watershed Resilience Pilot Program. The monies this grant will provide will be used to hire a full time coordinator to implement many of the recommendations of the Left Hand Creek Watershed Master Plan that was completed in December 2014. The LWOG Board has been increased from 5 members to 13 members, of which a hiring committee of 3 Board members will review the coordinator applications and present a recommendation to the entire Board at the end of March. The Board has worked very hard to prepare this coordinator grant, as well as six additional grant applications that deal with areas from Jamestown to the intersection of Left Hand Creek and Highway 119. Discussion.

IGA-Water Service Agreement (Emergency Crosstie):

An initial draft of the Water Service Agreement between Longs Peak Water District and Left Hand Water District was provided in this month's Board packet. This will become a formal agreement that relates to the existing crosstie between the two Districts. Currently, Longs Peak is reviewing the document and a final version will be made available to the Board at April's board meeting. Staff is currently working in house on the design of this crosstie vault. As far as the cost of construction, both Districts are discussing what percentage they should be responsible for. Discussion.

Resolution 2015-02: A Resolution Authorizing the District's General Manager to Execute Applications for Transfer and Allotment of Units of Colorado-Big Thompson Water Project Water:

In February at the Board of Directors meeting, the Board passed a motion to transfer one acre foot unit of CBT to the Town of Erie in accordance with the Agreement Regarding Water Service and Boundaries Agreement between Erie and Left Hand Water District. The tap is located at 11411 Erie Pkwy, on a parcel that has been recently annexed to the town of Erie and abandoned by the District. Northern Water has a few requirements relating to the transfer that requires Board action. First, a letter of opinion from the District attorney's office, certifying that the allotment contract is free of other encumbrances or liens and that Left Hand Water District has full authority and power to apply for the release and relinquishment of the water allotment contract. Second,

Northern Water has requested a Resolution duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Left Hand Water District authorizing and directing certain people to sign the forms to complete the transfer. Historically, the Board has granted this authorization to the General Manager. Discussion.

MSP: *Director Schagel moved to authorize the Board President and/or the General Manager to execute applications for the transfer and release of allotment contract for one unit of Colorado-Big Thompson Project Water. Motion seconded by Treasurer Brunner. Motion carried unanimously.*

SUBJECT: NEW BUSINESS

Northern Water – Spring Water Users’ Meeting:

Northern Water is hosting a Spring Water Users’ meeting on April 8, 2015 at 8am. Lunch will be provided. Board members, please let staff know if you would like to attend so we can complete the registration for you. Discussion.

Behrmann Reservoir Site – Potential Sale to City of Boulder Open Space :

The District owns three parcels of land at the northeast corner of Oxford Road and Ouray Drive. Initially this property was purchased to construct a storage reservoir. At the time of the purchase, in 1989, the District obtained storage and conditional water rights that are current today. With the District’s involvement in other water projects, such as the Southern Water Supply Pipeline II, it is doubtful the District will pursue building a storage reservoir at this location. There has been interest from Boulder County to purchase these parcels. Staff would like to engage the services of Berry & Associates to appraise these three parcels of land. Discussion.

MSP: *Director Schagel moved to authorize the General Manager to have the Behrmann Reservoir Site appraised in value for the purpose of potentially selling the property to the City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks. Motion seconded by Secretary Trumpler. Motion carried unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm.

By,

Lilah Imes, Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors

Julie Trumpler, Secretary