

**Annual Meeting
October 25, 2007
Minutes of the Interim Board of Directors**

1. Call to Order

Vice-President Lisa Darling called the SPWRAP Annual Meeting at the Radisson Conference Center to order. Introductions were made. There was a quorum of Directors.

2. There were no additions or changes to the agenda. The agenda was approved.

3. Alan Berryman provided a summary of the activities over the past year. The Platte River Recovery Implementation Program (PRRIP) was implemented in January 2007. The PRRIP budget for 2007 was over \$2.4 million and is on track with tasks. Work has been done to start adaptive management, to develop a centralized and integrated database management system, to monitor the whooping cranes, and to perform a stage study of the Lower Platte River, a study of the North Platte channel capacity, and a water management study to analyze the routing and timing of pulses from McConaughy.

Dr. Jerry Kenny is the executive director for the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, replacing Dale Strickland. Dr. Kenny has set up an office in Kearney, Nebraska.

Authorizing legislation for federal Program funding was passed by the House of Representatives on October 23 and now awaits action by the Senate. A bill nearly identical to the House bill was introduced in the Senate and is with the Water & Power Subcommittee of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Ken Salazar (CO) and John Barrasso (WY) are subcommittee members. SPWRAP paid \$24,000 to Alan Freemyer to assist in lobbying Congress to pass the federal authorizing legislation.

Alan Berryman and Deb Freeman provided a summary of SPWRAP activities over the past year. SPWRAP represents Colorado water users' interests in the Program. SPWRAP is represented on the Governance Committee and advisory committees. During the last year, SPWRAP continued to educate Coloradoans about the PRRIP and SPWRAP and has become a clearinghouse of information. SPWRAP also simplified membership and created some sub-classes for small users. The USFWS no longer requires a signed recovery agreement to demonstrate compliance. SPWRAP has been working to clarify its relationship with the State and has a MOA in place with the Department of Natural Resources. SPWRAP has partnered with Ducks Unlimited on a NAWCA grant proposal.

4. Dennis Harmon presented the SPWRAP current year financial report and described the 2008 budget. The report and budget were approved by the SPWRAP members. The Interim Board's recommendation to maintain the assessment a \$0.30 per unit for 2008 was ratified by the SPWRAP members. Assessments for 2008 SPWRAP membership are due on January 31, 2008.

5. SPWRAP will be undertaking several tasks in 2008 including projects to meet Colorado's water obligation, assisting the Department of Wildlife in funding a full time employee, developing an operating plan, meeting all reporting obligations, hiring an SPWRAP executive director, clarifying director potential liability, and enacting lease agreements.

6. SPWRAP members ratified resolutions and amendments to the bylaws approved by the Interim Board during 2007.
7. Information was provided regarding the election of SPWRAP directors and ballots were distributed.
8. SPWRAP membership renewal is due on January 31, 2008. Contact SPWRAP if you need an invoice. New certificates will be provided. The SPWRAP web page will contain meeting materials and a more detailed summary of the year.
9. Next Meeting of the Board of Directors:

November 15, 2007 - 10 a.m.
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