



July 15, 2010
Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors

Directors Present: Wayland Anderson, Alan Berryman, Lisa Darling, Greg Dewey, Dennis Harmon, John Kolanz, Randy Rhodes and Kevin Urie

Directors Absent: Kim Hutton

1. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Lisa Darling, President of SPWRAP, called the SPWRAP Board of Directors Meeting to order at 9:10 am at the Shadow Mountain Room of Northern Water. There was a quorum of Directors.

2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There was one addition to the agenda:
Presentation by Colorado Springs Utilities regarding coverage under SPWRAP

3. MINUTES FROM THE MAY 20, 2010 BOARD MEETING

MOTION: Kevin Urie moved that the board approve the minutes from the May 20, 2010 board meeting. Randy Rhodes seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by the directors present.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Dennis Harmon presented the SPWRAP financial report, including a financial statement from beginning of fiscal year through June 30, 2010. Dennis reminded the board that work needs to begin on the 2011 budget. Dennis also said the following bill needed to be paid:

- Trout, Raley, Freeman, et al. for legal services (May) – \$2,672.19

MOTION: Wayland Anderson moved that the board approve payment of the bill listed in the financial report. Randy Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the directors present.

5. COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES AND COVERAGE UNDER SPWRAP

Kevin Urie introduced this item. At the previous SPWRAP board meeting, the board had agreed on a method to assess Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) its SPWRAP membership dues. Kevin indicated that CSU had contacted him and provided additional information with another possible option for equitably assessing CSU under the SPWRAP structure. Today, Pat Wells from CSU was present to provide that additional information to the board related to its South Platte Operations. Montgomery Reservoir is the one major piece of infrastructure in the South Platte that CSU owns and which has a decreed water

right in the South Platte Basin. It also receives water from the Blue River watershed, delivered through the Hoosier Tunnel.

Discussion ensued about how to assess CSU's SPWRAP membership fee in a way that is fair to CSU and equitable to other existing SPWRAP members.

MOTION: Greg Dewey moved that the board establish a new class of membership, Class X-4, specific to CSU and Montgomery Reservoir with the assessment based on the 5-year running average of South Platte diversions at Montgomery Reservoir then applying a factor of 2 to account for the water leaving the South Platte basin and then converting that to SFE's and applying the assessment rate used by other municipal members. Wayland Anderson seconded the motion.

John Kolanz recommended that it would be easier to capture the method in the form of a resolution which the board could act on at a later date. Greg removed the motion from consideration.

ACTION: The consensus was for Austin Hamre to use the language from the motion as direction to draft a resolution for the board to consider at a later date.

6. UPDATE ON PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (PRRIP) ACTIVITIES

- Technical Advisory Committee

Kevin Urie reported that he attended the summer meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee. Also attending was the Independent Science Advisory Committee (ISAC) which is a group of six individuals with expertise in various scientific disciplines of interest to the PRRIP.

The ISAC reminded the TAC to keep focused on the science and avoid making policy decisions, which is under the purview of the Governance Committee.

The ISAC reported that they understand that the PRRIP is not an eco-system recovery program but is a habitat management program for the three subject endangered bird species. This point was stressed several times during the meeting.

- Governance Committee

Kevin Urie reported on the Governance Committee meeting. There is some debate between the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the three states about how much work needs to be done related to the pallid sturgeon. The Executive Director's Office originally proposed a workshop related to additional study of the pallid sturgeon. The Governance Committee directed the ED's office not to sponsor the workshop until peer review of current reports regarding the pallid sturgeon is complete and there is better understanding what is happening on the Missouri River recovery efforts related to the pallid sturgeon.

Once those items are done then the GC will have more discussion on the issue. Until then, no additional work under the PRRIP regarding the pallid sturgeon should be undertaken.

Alan Berryman reported that the Governance Committee approved the preliminary scoring of a new reregulation reservoir to be supplied water through the CNPPID system. This reservoir and another, Elm Creek Reservoir, identified in the Water Action Plan, might meet the entire 50,000 to 70,000 acre-foot water obligation required under the PRRIP.

- Colorado Water Operating Sub-Committee

Alan Berryman reported that there was an initial meeting of the Colorado Water Operating Sub-committee. The purpose of the meeting was to educate more of the Colorado water users and the State about the water accounting procedures required under the PRRIP. The Sub-committee will meet on a regular basis.

ACTION: It was the board's consensus that SPWRAP would pay for lunch when the Sub-committee meets.

- Water Action Committee

Jon Altenhofen commented on a Water Action Committee issue as to whether needed work should be done by staff at the Executive Director's office or by consultants.

7. UPDATE ON FINALIZING TAMARACK DECREE

Lisa Darling introduced this item. Austin Hamre and Ted Kowalski discussed whether this case had been referred and the timeline. Austin Hamre will follow up with Chad Wallace of the Colorado Attorney General's Office.

8. SPWRAP ADMINISTRATIVE AND CORPORATE ISSUES

Ted Kowalski mentioned that Sandy Vana-Miller (USFWS) contacted him regarding federal transportation agencies and their proposed depletions. Ted mentioned that he and Kevin will be meeting with her in the next few weeks to discuss further.

Kevin Urie mentioned that he was contacted by a small homeowners' group in South Park and their coverage under SPWRAP. Kevin asked for some help from a few board members in determining their membership class.

Kevin Urie mentioned organizing a field trip for SPWRAP members to visit the habitat in Nebraska if there is adequate interest. Potential dates would be March 17-18, 2011 which would coincide with the crane migration and the Whooping Crane Trust convention. Possible sites could include blinds in the habitat, Cottonwood Ranch and the Nebraska canal system.

Jon Altenhofen mentioned that Beorn Courtney from the Executive Director's Office could provide updates at future SPWRAP meetings. Jon offered to contact her and invite her to the board meeting on September 16, 2010 to make a presentation on the Water Action Plan.

Austin Hamre mentioned that at the next SPWRAP meeting, the board needs to work on planning the annual meeting, preparing the ballot for the election of board of directors and setting the 2011 assessment. The board consensus was to have the annual meeting following the South Platte Forum (October 21, 2010) in Longmont. Kevin Urie offered to contact the Forum organizers to work out the details.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Next Meeting of the Board of Directors:
September 16, 2010 – 9am – Northern Water

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Dewey".

Greg Dewey
Secretary, SPWRAP, Inc.