

**October 23, 2014**  
**2014 Annual Meeting of Members\_ Minutes**

Directors Present: Jim Hall, Alan Berryman, Kevin Urie, Daniel Gallen, Greg Dewey, Kim Hutton, Dennis Harmon and Rich Belt (No conference line was available for this meeting)

Directors Absent: Wayland Anderson

Others Present: Jon Altenhofen, Joe Frank, Deb Freeman, Suzanne Sellers, Austin Hamre, Richard Vail, Donnie Dushin, Dan Drucker, Pete Conovitz, Diane Hoppe, Rick Fleharty, Scott Griebing, Sira Sartori, Luke Shawcross, Don Ament, Jon Kanfman, Craig Godbout, Matt Benak, John Stulp, Eric Wilkinson and David Freeman

**1. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS**

President Greg Dewey called the SPWRAP 2014 Annual Meeting of Members to order at 1:33 pm. The meeting was held at the Conference Center at the Best Western Plus Plaza Hotel, Longmont, Colorado. There was a quorum of Directors present, introductions ensued.

**2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions or changes made to the agenda.

**3. COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WERE HANDED OUT**

- Annual Meeting of Members, October 23, 2014, Agenda
- The July 17, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes\_ for approval
- SPWRAP's 2014 Balance Sheet (as of October 2014)
- SPWRAP's 2015 Proposed Budget
- SPWRAP 2014 Annual Meeting Ballot
- Legal Update 2014
- PRRIP at a Glance (as of October 2014)
- PRRIP Summary & SPWRAP 2014 Annual Report
- PRRIP Water Plan Update (as of October 2014)
- PRRIP Program Management (as of October 2014)
- J-2 Regulating Reservoirs Handout

***ACTION ITEMS***

**4. MINUTES FROM THE JULY 17, 2014 BOARD MEETING**

The draft meeting minutes from the July 17, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting was presented for approval. The minutes were approved without amendments.

*MOTION:* Dennis Harmon moved to approve the meeting minutes from the July 17, 2014 Board of Directors meeting. Rich Belt seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the directors present.

## 5. RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN 2014

It is customary, at the SPWRAP Annual Meeting of Members, to make a motion to ratify the actions of the Board of Directors for the previous year. The actions taken by the Board are summarized in the "Legal Update 2014" handout. They are also reflected in the quarterly meeting minutes.

*MOTION:* Kevin Urie moved that the SPWRAP membership ratify the actions of the Board of Directors for 2014. Alan Berryman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.

## 6. FINANCIAL REPORT

Joe Frank presented SPWRAP's 2014 Balance Sheet (as of October 2014) & 2015 Proposed Budget. The majority of SPWRAP's annual revenue is reflected in the first quarter, due to members paying their annual fees. The majority of expenses will be reflected, in the Balance Sheet, at the end of the year or early in 2015. This is due to the timing of payments for operational costs (generally paid in December), such as utility fees and leased water under the Tamarack Plan.

The 2015 budget, as recommended by the Board of Directors, was based on the continued assessment rate of 15 cents per unit in 2015. The 2015 budget was calculated by reviewing the previous 5 years expenses and using these numbers to estimate anticipated costs for the next 5 years to come, including known future projects.

Highlights of the discussion include:

Due to flood damages Tamarack was not operational for part of 2014. This resulted in lower operation costs than anticipated in the 2014 budget. However, these finances will help flood damage repairs planned for 2015. Additionally, operational costs are anticipated to increase as more wells are added to the project.

*MOTION:* Jim Hall moved to accept the Financial Report. Rich Belt seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the directors present.

*MOTION:* Kevin Urie moved to accept the 2015 SPWRAP assessment rate of 15 cents per unit. Alan Berryman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the directors present.

## 7. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Dan Gallen presented on the election of directors for 2015. The Board has a standing rotation regarding seats up for re-election, with director terms being a 3 year period. There were three directors' seats up for re-election. These include 2 municipal members (Class-M) and 1 Water Conservation (Class-W) member. The Class W seat and Class M seats are currently held by Alan Berryman (Northern Water), Kim Hutton (City of Boulder) & Jim Hall (City of Greeley), respectively. All three directors indicated their desire to continue as directors in the respective member class categories. A ballot with the above directors' name on it and any new candidates that indicated an interest was sent to SPWRAP members via email & provided as a handout at the annual meeting. Additionally, Dan Gallen asked if there were any additional nominations for these director positions from the floor. There were no additional nominations, nominations were closed and the ballots were collected and counted.

*RESULTS:* Kim Hutton and Jim Hall were re-elected as the 2 Class-M directors & Alan Berryman was re-elected as the Class-W director.

## ***DISCUSSION ITEMS***

### **8. SUMMARY OF THE PAST YEAR'S ACTIVITIES**

- *Platte River Recover Implementation Program (PRRIP) & Governance Committee*

Alan Berryman and Kevin Urie summarized the PRRIP and provided updates on the status of the milestones required under the program. Some accomplishments of note include;

- Milestones 1-3, offsets for existing water uses from 1997 and earlier, the three State projects are operational and meeting target goals.
- J-2 Reservoir negotiations are ongoing, for additional information refer to the “J-2 Regulating Reservoirs” handout.
- The PRRIP is designed to be implemented in increments. The program is currently in the first increment, with the second increment to begin in 2019.
- Additional information can be found in the PRRIP Summary, PRRIP at a Glance & PRRIP Water Plan Report.

- *South Platte Water Related Activities Program (SPWRAP)*

Deb Freeman presented on SPWRAP and noted that SPWRAP is a separate organization from the PRRIP. SPWRAP is a Colorado non-profit organization formed by Colorado water users. Its primary function is to assist the state in fulfilling the requirements under the PRRIP, including but not limited to; information gathering, meeting the reporting requirements for the PRRIP, retiming water under the Tamarack Plan, providing a potential financial backstop (in the circumstance the state legislature doesn't fully fund Colorado's cash contribution toward the PRRIP, \$24 million in 2005 dollars), provides water users with “a voice” in the PRRIP, etc. Participation in SPWRAP is voluntary, through SPWRAP membership, water users can benefit from a streamlined Section 7 consultation process with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

- *Tamarack Project*

Alan Berryman presented on the Tamarack Project providing the highlights from the 2014 year. Including; the continued expansion and improvement of the Tamarack project, consisting of additional wells, plans to expand the site by directionally drilling under I-76 in 2015, site improvements resulting from lessons learned in the 2013 flood. For example flood insurance is not possible to obtain in the designated “flood zone,” current flood repair engineering includes additional rip-rap to increase stream bank stability in high flows to protect Tamarack infrastructure. For additional information please refer to the PRRIP Summary & SPWRAP 2014 Annual Report.

- *South Platte Lower River Group (SPLRG) Dissolution Update*

Joe Frank presented on the SPLRG Dissolution, which as of August 2014 is officially disbanded. One key benefit of SPLRG was meeting with lower river water users to hear their concerns and how current conditions on the South Platte River are impacting the operations on the lower river. In order to continue this vital information gathering SPWRAP will host the first Board meeting of each year at the Lower South Platte Water Conservancy District office, in Sterling CO. This will provide the opportunity for lower river users to meet and have their voice heard. As well as continue water related discussion up and down the South Platte.

#### 9. ISSUES AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2014

Greg Dewey summarized the issues and objectives of SPWRAP in 2014. Austin Hamre, corporate attorney representing SPWRAP, provided a written review of Board actions and other legal issues from 2014. This included five separate topics; Class I-2 & Class I-3 Memberships, SPWRAP Executive Director, SPLRG Dissolution, Recharge Projects & NCWCD Backhoe. Additional details, on each topic, can be found in the handout "Legal Update" handout.

#### 10. QUESTIONS, ANSWERS AND MEMBER UPDATES

Greg Dewey asked if there were any questions from those in attendance, there was not. At this time each individual present was provided the opportunity to update the group on water related topics, highlights include: The Nebraska tour in 2008 was a success and a second tour, during the sandhill migration, is being planned for March of 2015. Multiple individuals representing various organizations complemented SPWRAP's accomplishments to date, citing the group's ability to create and maintain effective working relationships with other organizations as a primary reason for success.

#### 11. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Next Meeting\_ SPWRAP Board of Directors Meeting  
January 15, 2015 \_ 9:00 am  
Lower South Platte Water Conservancy District (LSPWCD)  
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Sterling CO 80751  
Respectfully submitted,



Daniel Gallen  
Secretary, SPWRAP Inc.