

COLUMBINE LAKE WATER DISTRICT



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS COLUMBINE LAKE WATER DISTRICT MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023 3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Columbine Lake Water District was called to order by President Mike Golden at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Administration Building, 1111 GCR 48, Grand Lake, CO 80447, and also remotely.

Directors Present:

Mike Golden - President

Philip Goes – Vice President Mark Trumbo – Treasurer Charlene Penson – Director

Staff Present:

Katie Nicholls – District Manager

Mike Gibboni – Superintendent

2. INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC PRESENT

Geoffry Garner

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

By MOTION, second, and unanimous vote the July 17, 2023 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

4. MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD

a. Discussion: Possible dissolution of district

District Manager Nicholls stated that since the initial informal discussion at the last meeting she has confirmed with Three Lakes Water and Sanitation District (TLWSD) that they would be open to the prospect of absorbing the District. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the matter. The Board inquired and discussed the benefits: cost savings, improved services to customers, continuous operation and administrative management of the District, and reduced liability. They discussed the potential impacts of not having their own Board, the difficulties in finding board members, and what would happen if the agreement with TLWSD were to ever dissolve. They also discussed the District's water rights, existing loans and agreements. The Board requested a joint meeting with TLWSD at the beginning or before TLWSD next Board meeting on September 18th to obtain more information on the matter.

b. Consideration of appointment of Geoff Garner

Geoff Garner introduced himself to the Board. By **Motion**, second, and unanimous vote the Board appointed Geoff Garner to the vacant position on the Board of Directors.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

By MOTION, second, and unanimous vote the checklist for July 2023 was approved as presented. By MOTION, second, and unanimous vote, the financial documents for July 2023 were approved as presented.

7. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Mike Gibboni presented the water usage report. He noted that water use was up slightly but is ordinary for this time of year. The generator has been set and they are only waiting on the gas to be set up. A brief discussion ensued regarding the HOA requirements, the appearance of the generator, and expected noise level of the generator.

8. **DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT**

District Manager Katie Nicholls stated that July CPI was recently released with an increase of 4.7%, which will be applied to the 2024 increase in IGA rates per the terms of the agreement. She noted that the property owners of the non-renewed Aqua Lagoon Agreement have indicated their intent to pursue a substitute water supply plan. Any costs related to this pursuit will be reimbursed by the property owners pursuing the matter, and the District will be reviewing everything to ensure there is no negative impact to the District's water rights. She concluded by confirming the Board intends to increase user rates by CPI as previously directed and prepare the public hearing and budget accordingly.

With no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Katie Nicholls, Recording Secretary

Mark Trumbo Secretary/Treasurer