

### COLUMBINE LAKE WATER DISTRICT



#### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

# REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS COLUMBINE LAKE WATER DISTRICT MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025 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 Vice President Scott Walter 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: Scott Walter – Vice President

Janna Sampson – Secretary/Treasurer

Paul Johnson - Director

Staff Present: Katie Nicholls – District Manager

Mike Gibboni – Superintendent

By MOTION, second, and unanimous vote the Board excused the absence of President Geoff Garner.

#### 2. INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC PRESENT

None.

#### 3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

By **MOTION,** second, and unanimous vote the May 19, 2025 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

#### 4. MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD

#### a. Consideration of appointment for Board vacancy: Bryan Scott Hochhalter

The Board noted the absence of Mr. Hochhalter. A discussion ensued regarding the lack of other applicants, absence of President Garner, and unknown background of the applicant. The Board tabled the item until the next meeting when the full Board will be present. Staff was directed to update the notices to leave the vacancy open through the next meeting.

#### b. Consideration of suspension of user fees due to catastrophic event: 467 Kinnikinnick Road

Vice President Walter stated that a tragic house fire occurred at 467 Kinnikinnick Road, and the family of the property owner is requesting temporary suspension of user fees. A discussion ensued regarding precedent set during East Troublesome Fire, Three Lakes Water and Sanitation District's policies, and rebuilding construction times. By **MOTION**, second, and unanimous vote the Board approved a suspension of user fees for 467 Kinnikinnick Road for one year or upon reconnection, whichever occurs first.

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### 6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

By **MOTION**, second, and unanimous vote the checklist for May 2025 was approved as presented. By **MOTION**, second, and unanimous vote, the financial documents for May 2025 were approved as presented.

#### 7. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Mike Gibboni presented the water usage report. He noted that everything was working well. A question was raised concerning water usage from the fire on 467 Kinnikinnick Road. Superintendent Mike stated the hydrant was opened but it was not used for the fire. The Board requested that months with water breaks be identified on the water usage report.

#### 8. **DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT**

District Manager Katie Nicholls stated that they would postpone scheduling the tour of the facilities until the full Board was present. She noted that the state water commissioner has reached out regarding the status of the gate keys for the Harbison Ditch. A brief discussion ensued regarding the holders of the water rights and the HOA's involvement in ditch riding. She concluded by inquiring if the Board is interested in continuing the user fee rate increase plans of the previous Board. She noted that a public hearing must be held, and briefly outlined the budgeting schedule requirements. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding rate history, inflation, target reserve amounts, and IGA impacts on budget. The Board indicated that a rate increase seemed like an appropriate measure and instructed Staff to bring it before the Board at the next meeting.

Janna Sampson
Janna Sampson (Jul 22, 2025 15:56 MDT)

Katie Nicholls, Recording Secretary

Janna Sampson, Secretary/Treasurer

With no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

## June 2025 Minutes

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