

Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 27, 2024

A special meeting of the Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District was held on Saturday, July 27, 2024 for the second annual open house, at the main meeting room of the district offices located at 548 Front Street in Fairplay. Lisa McVicker, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

The members present in the office were Chris Fuller, Lisa McVicker, Craig Steinmetz and Lynne Buchanan. Dan Drucker participated by telephone. Nola Knudsen, Administrator, was present in the office and was Lisa Barden Brown, Operations Manager. Patron Wallie Weld was present in the office.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda will be amended to table the appointment of Lynne Buchanan until the August meeting. Chris Fuller moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Lynne Buchanan and carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3.1 New Director's Oath of Office for Lynne Buchanan: Tabled.

3.2 Discussion of resignation of Director and potential replacement Director: Lisa McVicker said Dan Drucker was present by telephone. He said he was the impetus of CCWCD. He was the one to push it forward in 1996-1997 for the purposes of fighting Aurora over pumping the South Park Aquifer. He was on the Board of PCWPC which led to the ballot initiative to form CCWCD as well as the mill levy to allow us to be a water conservancy district under title 7. Because the USPWCD had so many other counties in it, it was difficult to rally citizen attention in terms of the critical importance of keeping the South Park aquifer pumped. Dan has been here since the very beginning. He was the President of the district for many years and then the Operations Manager overseeing the construction of some of our major reservoirs; the Smelter Pipeline Reservoir and the James Tingle Reservoir named after a previous board member.

Dan Drucker said he had the honor and privilege of serving the Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District in many capacities, however, medically he is not able to continue his service to the board. Doctors have told him it would be better if he didn't involve himself in outdoor activities and it would be better if he took it easy until he recouped his strength. In that case, he unfortunately has to resign his position as a Director of the Center of Colorado Water Conservancy. He will send his written resignation to the Board. It has been a pleasure to have served on this board. He thanks the Board and hopefully will see all again in the future.

Dan also suggested a method of checking the competency of future board members is to check their shoe size. To replace Dan's position, the applicant would need to be a 13 wide.

Lisa McVicker said Wallie Weld is present. He came to the June meeting and was a contender for the Republican party ticket. It is to our advantage he came up a little short. Wallie Weld has sent a letter of interest and is officially applying for the vacant seat held by Dan Drucker. Our by-laws do not have a requirement for specific geographical areas, but traditionally we have tried to represent the county from Hartsel, Guffey, and Lake George area to Bailey and commuters. Wallie lives in Bailey and has a place in Indian Mountain.

Wallie wants to thank everyone for all of the good words. He enjoyed the meeting he attended last month. He is a participating type of guy and will help to keep the water in Park County. He bought his Indian Mountain property in 1997 and he definitely appreciates the efforts of the Board at that time. "It was an awesome move by you guys."

Lynne Buchanan made a motion to immediately accept Dan Drucker's medical resignation and to accept Wallie Weld's letter of interest as an application as a new Board member to CCWCD effective immediately. Wallie will fill in completing the term of service of Dan Drucker. Chris Fuller seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Nola had some good suggestions with how to get you on board quickly. Lisa Barden Brown will take you on a tour of some of our resources and explain the details she takes care of. Nola will provide you a historical summary written by David Shoheit our legal counsel. She will also explain the financial policy and show you around the building and tenant spaces. Lynne Buchanan is the Treasurer and Chris Fuller is the Secretary of the Board. Both Lynne and Chris serve on the Board of the Coalition of the South Platte that was founded in the wake of a push for designating part of the South Platte river as wild and scenic. In exchange for doing that, many stakeholders came together to form the Coalition of the South Platte (CUSP) which was meant to protect the water shed and has done a fabulous job. Most recently, they have worked to get rid of the dam and allowing the fish movement on the South Platte.

Lisa McVicker said our partners are the Upper South Platte Water Conservancy District and together with the Center, we formed the Headwater Authority of the South Platte. She continued the District is de-Bruiced but the Upper South Platte is not. In order for us to buy and sell water which is key to an augmentation plan, counsel for Upper South Platte suggested forming the enterprise. John Matteson, HASP operations manager, will be here later today. Lynne and Lisa McVicker represent Center on the HASP board and Dave Wissel and Jon Rice represents the Upper South Platte. Lisa McVicker said the two districts have pooled their resources along with splitting fees for legal counsel. The August meeting will be a great place to meet everyone. The joint meeting happens quarterly. HASP has special meetings as needed by counsel on Fridays.

Dan Drucker said he received a letter from Park County Courts saying he was reappointed. Nola or David will follow up with the court as it was probably an error that was meant to appoint Lynne Buchanan.

Chris Fuller made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was seconded by Lynne Buchanan at 9:25AM.