

Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 9, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 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 1:02 PM.

The members present in the office were Lynne Buchanan, Lisa McVicker, Craig Steinmetz, and Chris Fuller. Wallie Weld was present by teleconference. Nola Knudsen, Administrator, was present in the office as was Lisa Barden Brown, Operations Manager. David Shohet, legal counsel, was present via teleconference.

Patrons present were Jim Legg and Marla Brestle with Winding River Ranch, Patrick Spivak and Paul O'Brien with Twelve Mile Ranch, and Luke Cherney with Stewardship West. Patrons present on-line were Vincent Tolpo with Shawnee Water, Jennifer Baker and Madeline Ropp with Stewardship West.

All people were introduced in the room and on-line.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Lisa Brown added under 2.1A, the amount of the application of Shawnee Water Consumers Association is \$7,450.00, Lynne Buchanan moved to approve the agenda as amended. Wallie Weld seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chris Fuller moved to approve the minutes as presented. Lynne Buchanan seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Lisa Brown provided an introduction to the following Grant Applications.

2.1 Introduction of 2025 Grant Applications:

1. Application of Shawnee Water Consumers Association for \$ 7,450.00 for upgrades to the SWCA pipeline and installing a meter at the outlet where the pipeline returns their augmentation water to the river. Vincent Tolpo will be presenting for Shawnee Water.
2. Application of Stewardship West for \$50,000 for forest health and fuels reduction at Glen Isle Resort. Luke Cherney, Madeline Ropp and Jennifer Baker will present on the Stewardship West applications.
3. Application of Stewardship West for \$599,550 for forest health and fuels reduction at Webber Park.
4. Application of Twelve-Mile Ranch for \$10,000 for updates and improvements to their irrigation system. Paul O'Brien and Patrick Spivak was present for Twelve-Mile Ranch.
5. Application of Winding River Fishing Ranch for \$65,000 for valve replacement and dam repair of the Chappelle Reservoir. That also involves a measuring device. James Legg will present for Winding River Fishing Ranch.

2.2 Presentations by 2025 Grant Applicants

1. Vincent Tolpo: Ours is a small 501C12 company that serves 29 households in Shawnee. This grant will be the end of a five-year project that created pipeline so we don't have water loss in open ditches. The pipelines will eventually prove up one million gallons of water that we can provide Park County and possibly sell some in bulk quantities. In addition, we will be able to prove up our augmentation plan to the specifications of our water commissioner. Five years ago, we wanted to see water go directly into the river. In order to do that we had to do a pipeline because our water sources were 465 feet away from the river. That is what makes this particular application very important as it completes our five-year project.
2. Madeline Ropp, Luke Cherney, Jennifer Baker: Luke Cherney is the attorney for Stewardship West. He provided a one-page summary and Map A to provide a better context on this project. We are a nonprofit that operates out of Colorado with operations out of California and Nevada. We partner with a multitude of other natural resource partners primarily focused on landscaping watershed health and doing forest fuel reduction, forest health projects to increase forest resiliency to make those forest better adaptive and be in a better condition to survive wildfires. This is one of our first forays into working with private land owners. Primarily we work through stewardship agreements with the US forest service and this is one that is a very strategic project on the North Fork of the Upper South Platte. There are three different private land owners with a total of 136 acres of forest health and fuel reduction treatment. This is in one of the Denver water zones of concerns that they are particularly interested in protecting and enhancing. Also on the map, blue is the mechanical treatments we are planning, and yellow is the hand treatments we are planning. These are some private properties that are sandwiched in between the river and some federal and state lands to the south. The purple on the map on the left is a state lands treatment that was done at McArthur Gulch State Wildlife area. The Colorado State Forest Service conducted about 150 acres of treatments there. The USFS has treated nearly 900 acres. They have gone back and did prescribed fire on 450 of those 900 acres. This is treating some properties that go right into

the river. We are looking at some very steep areas. These landowners are very excited to be working with us and we're asking for some funds for our quality control. We do have funds in hand from Colorado Department of Natural Resources; it is called their Co-Swap funding which is the Colorado Strategic Action Plan. We work closely with the Upper South Platte partnership in this area who is active collaborating with the fire districts and many partners. The other part being funded for the implementation part is through Denver Water. This application is for the quality control aspect. The staff has to have time to go out and oversee the contractors and the implementation and to make sure the project is completed to specifications. Luke Cherney said he has been doing all of the layout and identifying which areas need to be treated and to what degree. The other area we are really excited about is that the Glen Isle resort has a disk golf course and the parking area is where we're going to be starting treating. This sees a lot of traffic from Denver and all over the state. We're proposing some interpretive signage to explain to the public why trees are being cut. We are doing this to protect water shed health and water quality.

Craig Steinmetz asked about the use of potential lumber material. Luke replied there is not a lot of active lumber industry here in Colorado. We haven't yet figured out what to do with the harvested trees. There are other markets being looked at. In their scopes of work, materials will be used to whatever point they can. This area primarily involves Ponderosa Pine.

3. Madeline Ropp, Luke Cherney, Jennifer Baker: Luke said this is called the Webber Park project. This is a partnership of 516 acres for forest health and fuel reduction project. They have partnered with the US Forest Service with a shared stewardship agreement. Two years ago there is another 870 acres that Luke laid out and gave back to the Forest Service that is being thinned as of today. This is part of the Lake George vegetation management and environmental assessment they did 6-7 years ago. It is part of a suite of projects; they are looking to treat thousands of acres to the Tarryall Creek area to help them get healthy to fight off diseases and reduce the threat of a catastrophic fire. With the soils in this area being composed of granite, we know the Hamen Fire started just down from this area. This would be matching funds to fund the actual implementation of the thinning and some archeological surveys they want to do. The forest service has really ramped up their prescribed burning program in these areas and one of the major barriers they have to lighting those fires is clearing those lands for archeological resources. We have partnered with them and another archeological firm to get those areas cleared. The bulk of the money is to get those areas treated.

Luke said the total budget is around 1.2 million dollars. We are asking for \$599,550. It will help them to leverage these funds for federal help. Craig Steinmetz asked about matching funds as others funds are raised. Jennifer Baker said with stewardship agreements, it is important for them to come to the table with matching funds. Other entities approached are in Park County and Aurora Water and the Archeological surveys Chris Fuller told them to connect with the Land and Water Trust. Jennifer said Stewardship West has had a lot of work in Park County. In Bailey, we had a large project with the forest service at Miller Gulch which was 1500 acres for implementation. had a lot of people come in and stay at the lodge. The Tarryall project is also Park County. She has property outside of Hartsel.

4. Paul O'Brien and Patrick Spivak: Twelve-Mile Ranch – The board was thanked for the time and effort put into serving the community. This application is requesting \$10,000 to finish a project for a project we have so far put \$60,000 into upgrading the irrigation system. It will help us to reclaim 20 acres of additional hay field. The community benefit is to be good stewards of the water and this is a step toward that end. Also, it is a way we can support the community at upgrading our irrigation system in an affordable way. Other ranchers and landowners can come out and learn from what we have done. We have a good working relationship with the water commissioner and believes he feels the same way. Also, it will help the ranch and wildlife as we are getting a lot of pressure from the deer, elk, and moose in our current hay field. Additional hay fields will alleviate some of that pressure. As a private ranch, we have tried to serve the community through hosting a healing waters group every year and supporting an autobahn group studying birds. We also work with Colorado Open Lands who holds our conservation easement and they do fund raising events on the ranch as well. This is the last phase that will cost \$22,000, we are asking for \$10,000 and the members will match the rest. Craig Steinmetz asked about the irrigation system. It is flood irrigation and the system we are trying to improve which historically has always been controlled by the beaver population. It was a take all or take nothing depending upon what the beavers were doing in the creek. By improving this infrastructure to the manmade controlled structure, it will be controlled lateral flooding of the field so we can refurbish the fields back to hayfields. It will also control the water rather than the beavers. This is on the northern part of Cave Creek just as it enters the property. It is about 5.5cfs water rights at that diversion point. The water commissioner says this has to get fixed. Patrick said this will be patterned off of other projects in the past. In the history of the ranch, this will be the first time this diversion point is receiving efforts to build something man made. The dam, berm, and headgates will allow gravity to do its job with flood irrigation. Chris Fuller said when they reseed to clear the seed mix with CPW.

5. James Legg – Jim started by saying he has the same problem as Twelve Mile Ranch. He trapped 14 beavers when he first bought the ranch. Jim said his grandfather was born here and his family has been in the area for 100s of years. When he bought the ranch three years ago, he wasn't aware of any of these issues with the dams. We have four reservoirs. A lot of the dams were built a long time ago and no one has touched them since 1970. Two of the dams needed to be rebuilt. Last year, with the help of Conservancy, we actually engaged in a project to rebuild half of the dam and cost \$250,00. Had the dams broken, could have taken out a great deal of highway and wildlife. Jim said they do a lot of charity work. Part of the food pantry here, donated two scholarships for fallen officers and gave them Elk tags and allowed deputies they can fish on the ranch. We are in the middle of building our third church. None of the dams or readings worked properly. We want to make this a long-term fix. We want to pull out the dam wall and put in an Agra drain like we did above. This is the second of the three dams being rebuilt. We estimate we can rebuild this for \$190,000. This includes metering. It is called the Chapelle Reservoir. We are currently in for 100K. Craig asked the applicants if there would be an objection to having an observer from the board. All

of the applicants agreed. Lisa McVicker said by the second Wednesday in May, decisions will be made on all applications

The applicants all left at 1:44pm.

Lisa McVicker thinks they are all deserving of help but the district can't fund the \$600K asked. She didn't have reservations for any of them. Chris Fuller was in agreement. If added up there is approximately \$135K excluding the \$599,550, our budget is \$150K. We could suggest for the Webber project around \$60K; that would put us over our budget but still be under \$200K. Lisa McVicker said if we were to fund all of them, and \$60K toward the asking application of \$599,550, it would be 10% of that which seems reasonable. David Shohet said Stewardship West could be a good long-term partnership. David suggested, we could suggest a package deal and offer them X amount of dollars and they can allocate funds as they see fit. You can allocate it towards the two projects. Lisa McVicker and Lynne Buchanan likes the matching funds approach. Lisa McVicker thinks the Glen Isle project is very important; they are requesting \$50,000.

Chris Fuller made a motion to fund all of the grant applications as presented, with the application for Stewardship West for Webber Park at \$60,000 representing 10% of their request. Lynne Buchanan seconded. Further discussion as Wallie Weld asked if we can marry a decree of monitoring to the application and that he would be willing to jump in and make sure things are happening as they could. Lisa McVicker said that was what Craig Steinmetz was asking about at the end of the presentations. Last year, Lisa Brown did monitor the grant recipients. Lisa McVicker thinks that ask should be part of the grant. The two forestry projects would be easy for Chris Fuller to monitor. She could also meet up with Mike McHugh from Aurora who is working with Stewardship West now and check in to see how they are doing. The important thing to watch is whether their project going along according to their schedule. Lisa Brown said we have periodic reporting as part of the grant. The vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Lisa McVicker thought Chris Fuller's point about reseeding is important. This should be part of the contract. Lisa Brown thinks there should be a periodic reporting so if there is a long-extended year-long project, reporting is every three months.

2.3 Presentation of 2025 Scholarship Applications

Lisa Brown said the graduation will be on May 17th for South Park and My 31st for Platte Canyon. The Board agreed to extend receipt of applications to May 1st. Lynne Buchanan thinks it gets us in front of the Will

Chris Fuller moved to approve the first scholarship application received. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3.1 Administrator's Report on Accounts:

Nola Knudsen reviewed the April check register with the Board. Invoices for the month of April totaled \$22,424.12. Cash assets remaining after payment of April invoices paid is \$2,672,167.48. We had a bill from Highlands Ranch Water. It was passed on to Lisa Brown and found out we were overcharged. Lisa has requested the bill be reviewed and amended for payment for next May.

3.2 Treasurer's Review:

Lynne Buchanan reported the income for the month that included April rent and March utility payments from Knudsen Counseling. That amount was \$1,340.75 deposited in High Country Bank. The Colorado Trust interest totaled \$9,363.23. Deposits from property and ownership taxes minus fees were \$86,671.41. Lynne said our checking account with High Country Bank in Buena Vista was set up when James Tingle was a board director and was convenient for him. Nola and I were wondering if it made sense to relocate to Fairplay where it would be easier to manage any changes we needed to make. Lynne Buchanan moved to approve changing from High Country Bank to TBK Bank. Chris Fuller seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3.3 Approval of the Invoices and Warrants: Chris Fuller made a motion to approve the invoices and warrants as presented. Wallie Weld seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT

Smelter Pipeline Reservoir (SPR):

- I visited the SPR on March 21st to take pictures of the headgate and check the reservoir.

There was approximately 10% of open water on the reservoir. I visited again on March 31st for a staff gage reading. The gage read 7.82' for 19.86 AF in storage. The reservoir was completely ice free, and the creek was ice free except for right against the headgate. Snow plowing has been unnecessary.

- The RFP for the headgate replacement has been written, with guidance from David Shohet and Chris Fuller. Christine Mugele and Todd Street, engineers for Wheeler, also provided comments and assistance. The RFP was released on April 4, and published in the Fairplay Flume. There will be another announcement for it in this week's Flume. Christine Mugele has also sent out invitations to bid to four contacts they have on file. There is a mandatory site visit tour for contractors is scheduled for April 22nd. Bids are due by May 9th, with a projected start date of August 4th.

Additional Information: Lisa Brown has two more firms she is sending the RFP to directly. That is a total of six RFPs that have been directly sent, and then the advertisement in paper. Lisa put the announcement for the RFP on the website under announcements.

Chatfield Reallocation Project (CRP):

- There is no CRMC meeting in March. The next meeting is April 23rd.
- Accounting was received at the end of March and has been updated through February.

On February 28th, there was 131.43 AF in storage.

- The OAC met on Mar. 26th, and Matt Loose provided some updates:
 - o The tree removal project was nearly complete. The contractors were removing materials and reclaiming the areas.
 - o DWR reported that there is quite a bit of storage capacity to fill on the lower South Platte. The downstream call on the river was 1909, but that has since gone to an 1899 call. The flows remain low on Plum Creek.
 - o DWR advised on the updated combined master spreadsheet, about to be implemented at the beginning of the new water year on April 1st. The transition seems to have been working well so far.
 - o Denver Water reported that its reservoirs on the South Platte River are mostly full. The Roberts Tunnel was turned off in mid-March and will remain off until customer demand increases.
 - o Matt reported that CCWCD would be looking for opportunities to exchange water upstream later this year if conditions allow.

Additional Information: Lisa McVicker asked if there was any in-stream flow with CWCB? Lisa Brown didn't know if that was a CWCB minimum stream flow reach. It does get very low when there are just native flows. Lisa McVicker said the color was poor. Lisa Brown said this is from Geneva Creek from the high acidity from mining. The Tunnel may turn back on if it gets really hot.

James Tingle Reservoir (JTR)

- Accounting for February was received in March. On February 28th, CCWCD had 71.98

AF in storage.

- About 4.20 AF was set to be released in March, but accounting for March has not yet been received. CCWCD has requested that 6.71 AF of stored Randall Ditch credits be released in April.
- The offer to lease 119 AF of excess Randall and Sessions water this year was made to Highlands Ranch Water, which they accepted.
- I have received an updated bid for the raptor towers, which accounts for the extra concrete and stabilizing guy-wires needed. The new bid is \$5,667 per tower. The contractor can start on this at the end of April or in May, weather permitting. The previous bid was for \$2,765 each. This included 3'x3' concrete bases at only 1' deep. The new bid is for 3' deep bases, steel base plates, ASTM rebar, guy-wires and anchors.
- The reserved water that was not leased in 2024 was discussed in a teleconference after an assessment of the water accounting was done by Matt Loose. David Shoheit discusses this further in his legal report.
- The invoice for maintenance and operations at JTR for 2024, but discrepancies were noticed, and I have contacted Swithin Dick to try to resolve them.

Additional Information: Lisa Brown said Highlands Ranch has asked if we want to proceed with this bid. If the board finds this reasonable, the cost would be split between ownership percentages. Lisa McVicker said the increase doesn't surprise her and that it is reasonable. She doesn't see a need to wait for other contractors. Chris Fuller moves to increase the amount allotted for each tower to \$6,000 each. Lynne Buchanan seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Lisa Brown said the JTR invoice for maintenance and operations was received but discrepancies were noted. She heard back that they had double billed in one month and was over by approximately \$15,000.

South Platte Enhancement Board (SPEB):

- The monthly SPEB meeting was held virtually on March 19th. The next meeting will be held at Highlands Ranch Water.
- I informed the SPEB members about the completion of tree removal at Chatfield. Other

members spoke about the restoration work that was done on Sugar Creek and mitigation of head cutting on Plum Creek as part of the Reallocation Project.

- The 2025 grant budget and individual maximum grant application amount of \$25,000 were decided upon for the April 1st announcement.
- Denver Water reported that along with CPW and Aurora, they would be coordinating to keep flows along the Dream Stream (between Spinney & Eleven Mile) at about 70 cfs, to benefit the trout spawn and protect the fry habitat. DW also noted that New Zealand mud snails have been found at Antero Reservoir by CPW.
- The U.S. Forest Service reported that they are partnering with CUSP to build a new entry station at 11-Mile Canyon. They also mentioned they are working to close the “back door” canyon entrance through Wagon Tongue Gulch.

Additional Information: Chris Fuller asked if the Dream Stream is going down to 70CFS, what is the norm? Lisa Brown thinks it is around 100CFS. The flows are low; Spinney is only about 50% full.

Snowpack Report:

- On April 8th, the Upper South Platte River Basin snowpack was at 93% of median, with 20 days until median peak. The South Platte Basin as a whole was at 102%, with 18 days until median peak.
- The local SNOTELs were as follows: Hoosier Pass: 91%, Buckskin Joe: 84%, Rough & Tumble: 93%, and Michigan Creek: 93%.
- The manual Snow Survey took place at the end of March. On March 26th, Mosquito Creek was at 86%, and Horseshoe Mountain was at 88%.

CCWCD Website Issues:

- Daisy has started a “Recognition of Service” page and can add any profiles as we have them.
- The quarterly monitoring reports have been generated and everything is working well.

Dan Drucker sent an in memorium statement for Briggs Cunningham.

Advertising:

- The Flume distributes a magazine called “Summer in the Park” every year. They have been soliciting CCWCD to advertise in this publication and have referenced a full-page ad that Upper South Platte WCD has run in the past. Would the Board consider creating a joint CCWCD/USPWCD ad for HASP? Full page runs \$999; 1/2 page is \$649; 1/4 page is \$449; 1/8 page is \$299. The deadline to place an ad is May 2nd. USPWCD’s meeting is on April 10th. HASP is not scheduled to meet again until May 14th, for the joint meeting.
- The advertising budget for 2025 is \$3150. \$1600 has been spent so far this year.

Additional information: Lisa addressed this last year, however, there wasn’t enough time to get into the magazine by the deadline. This year, the deadline is May 2nd and we won’t be able to discuss this in the joint May meeting. Lisa can talk with the Upper South Platte tomorrow at their meeting. Lisa Brown described the advertisement design that has HASP in the center of the page with CCW and USP leading into it. It could say something such as “serving you well augmentation needs, or come up with something saying providing augmentation water for greenhouses, gardens, hot tubs, or horses etc. Lisa McVicker added some specific things augmentation waters are for. Lisa McVicker asked to put in something about the open house in July. It was decided to had something small at the bottom of the ad to read “Join use for our open house”. Lisa Brown will forward this information to John Matteson to get his input.

Lisa Brown received an email from an attorney looking for augmentation water for one of his clients buying property outside of Hartsel. Lisa Brown will forward it to John Matteson.

Wild Horse Reservoir:

- A Cooperating Agency Meeting was held on March 13th to provide updates. The main focus was a presentation by Aurora about their conservation program. The next meeting is scheduled for April 19th.

Kenosha Trout Club (KTC): No changes since last report.

Michigan Creek Restoration Plan (MCR): No changes since last report.

Bar Star Corporation (BSC): No changes since last report.

Indian Mountain Plan (IMP): No changes since last report.

Guffey-area Augmentation Plan (GAP): No changes since last report.

Division Two Delivery (DTD): No changes since last report.

Currant Creek Two (CCT): No changes since last report.

OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Discuss a “Recognition of Service” page for the website and appropriate acknowledgement of past Board Members. Nola asked if the Board wanted to send flowers to Briggs Cunninghams memorial service. The Board approved the purchase of flowers.

5.2 Discuss plans for water law class for Park County Citizens: David Shohet asked about finalizing a date for the class. Originally June 21st was discussed for the open house, 1:00pm to 4:00pm. This was finalized as the date. Chris Fuller suggests an ad solely for the district in Summer in the Park for CCW’s open house. Lisa Brown asked if this was part of the annual advertising budget line. Lynne Buchanan confirmed it was.

5.3 Discuss long-range planning for CCWCD: David Shohet said HASP is going through long-range planning where we are trying to put together a couple of different phases exploring what are we doing and what does the future look like? We might want to have a work session one day to discuss some long-range planning. We are setting on a lot of money and could discuss a guide for the next 15-20 years. Lisa McVicker said the grant applications have been a wonderful step forward. She said as HASP, David, Alison and everybody finishes up, and things start unfolding, it will give us guidance too. David said maybe that is the approach, that once HASP finishes up, it would be appropriate to figure out where Center fits into that piece.

5.4 548 Front St. Building updates:

Dental Office – David said we entered into a one-year lease last August. The lease technically expired in August 2024. There was a term and condition in that lease that allowed them to extend the lease for another year with a notice. Nola and I discussed the notice should have been provided in May or June and was not received. David followed up and found there is a change and turnover in the organization and they are now known as Elevated Community Health. He received an email and they want is to have the lease extend until August of 2025. We can revisit the lease terms later this summer. David said they are still operating under their old name.

Moore Lumber invoice – Nola Knudsen said she visited Moore Lumber and met in person with Ryan regarding the outstanding invoice. He understood the district would be getting more bids for him. Nola explained the need for payment and explained I expected him to make payment to Luna Roofing directly.

Nola also advised the Board the furnace turned off last week; she contacted a service and got it running again. Also, Nola and Lisa are concerned about the use of electricity and have been turning the gutter tape breaker on and off as needed with snow.

Lisa Brown received a call from Pella. Pella Doors had been contacted by Alex Chavarria. She confirmed measurements from them but she hasn't yet received a quote from Pella for the damaged door. They were supposed to send the quote to Craig Steinmetz. Nothing has been happening. Lisa may go back to her original plan to contact Gregory Door and Window and have them come over here. Lynne Buchanan moved to approve the repair of the door not to exceed \$3500. Chris Fuller seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5.5 Discuss plans for 2025 Open House: Lynne Buchanan provided an email to the Board describing plans for the open house. She said we have plenty of materials for the open house. We have handouts, we may need some additional booklets. Lynne Buchanan moved to increase funds to \$3,000 for materials for the open house. Craig Steinmetz said this year he would put a big cooler outside. Lisa McVicker said last year we did most of the setup on Saturday. Saturday will work for this year as well. The motion was seconded by Craig Steinmetz and carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON LEGAL ISSUES

6.1 Adjourn to Executive Session

6.1.1 Discuss 2024 JTR Reserved Water

David Shohet said in a lot of the cases we are in the process of circulating proposed applications and decrees and getting responses back.

- One big update is in the Rosalie Ditch change case. Alison Gorsevski finally got a stipulation out of state division engineer. He is anticipating wrapping up this case in the next 30-45 days and have additional water that could be used for the HASP plan.
- There is not a lot going on with HASP, we have not received any applications in the last 30 days. It is the beginning of the construction season and HASP has received requests for spot sales.
- I didn't receive Wheeler's report yet. It will be distributed to you when I receive it.
- As a reminder, we have first 200af of the Randall and Sessions water. We do give Park County 5af, leaving us 195af. That 5af was part of the 1041 for James Tingle that allocated the use for Road and Bridge. When we don't use first 195af, we are required to offer that water to Highlands Ranch Water. In every other year, they have taken it, however, in 2024, everything was whole and we offered 150af of excess water and they

said no, they don't want to lease it. When went back to start planning for the upcoming water year, Matt Loose looked back at 2024 and said Highlands Ranch Water ended up taking 142af of what we didn't utilize. This is the first time this has happened. Maybe we could have monitored a little differently, but it certainly looks like Highlands Ranch Water took the water. David asked the Board if they want to back bill that water? It is about \$22,000. He suggested he could also reach out to them and ask what do you think happened with the operation last year, and talk to them first. The board agreed talking to them first is the best first step. David said he will coordinate with Lisa Brown and they will do something along the line of reaching out to Swithin Dick and advise him that the water was offered to them and they chose not to take it, yet we saw by your operations report you did take it. David said our decree sets a volumetric limit that we have to stay within a long-term range. They have come up with a volumetric limit of what they want to divert every year for the Randall and Sessions. They said the target is 800af total. When they said they didn't want our 150af, they should have dropped that 800af by 150af down to 650af and then our 150af would not have been diverted. However, they did end up taking the whole 800af so it looks like that did take our 150af.

- There is nothing for executive session.

6.2 Reconvene as Public Meeting – N/A

6.3 Act on Executive Session Matters – N/A

PATRONS COMMENTS

None

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES

Lisa McVicker is going to the Water Shed Summit at the Denver Botanic Gardens. Once she has their agenda, she will send it out. The date is June 20th. She also said if you like to watch the antiques road show, they filmed at Chatfield.

For the June meeting, Lynne Buchanan said she will be in Scotland.

Nola Knudsen explained the difficulty getting hold of Evelyn Whatley in an effort to find a picture of James Tingle for our In Memorium page for the web-site. There was a discussion of various ways to locate a picture. The board discussed whether to keep In Memorium or have a Recognition of Service page for past board members along with In Memorium.

ADJOURN

Wallie Weld moved to adjourn. Craig Steinmetz seconded and the Board adjourned at 3:10pm.