

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SOUTH METRO WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**

HELD: Monday, July 19, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. by remote meeting.
<https://zoom.us/j/93712469078?pwd=dFprMnU3K1ZTN0pub0RQSZVKM2hYUT09>

ATTENDANCE:

This regular meeting of the Board of Directors of South Metro Water Supply Authority ("Authority"), Douglas and Arapahoe Counties, Colorado, was called and held as shown above and in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado, with the following directors present and acting:

Mark Harding, Rangeview Metro District
Dave Kaunisto, East Cherry Creek Valley
Mark Marlowe, Castle Rock Water
John Kaufman, Centennial Water & Sanitation District
Ron Redd, Parker Water & Sanitation District

Also present:

Lisa Darling, SMWSA, Executive Director
Mikal Martinez, SMWSA
Erik Jorgensen, SMWSA
Chris Muller, SMWSA
Kate Stephens, SMWSA
Sheila Giusti, SMWSA
Russ Dykstra, Spencer Fane
Pat Ratliff, Ratliff & Associates
Steve Balcerovich, Ratliff & Associates
Lauren Pulver, Douglas County
Bob Neal, Dominion Water & Sanitation
Evan Bahn, Dominion Water & Sanitation
Heather Beasley, Pinery Water & Wastewater District
Sandor Rebek, ACWWA
Ken Lykens, Meridian Metropolitan District
Luis Tovar, Cottonwood / Inverness Water & Sanitation Districts
Steve Coffin, Steve Coffin Strategies
Madoline Wallace-Gross, Lyons Gaddis Kahn Jeffers Dworak & Grant

CALL TO ORDER:

President Harding noted that a quorum was present for the purpose of conducting a meeting of the Board of Directors and called the meeting of the South Metro Water Supply Authority to order at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVE/REVISE AGENDA:

The Board reviewed the Agenda. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Agenda as presented.

MINUTES:

Minutes from May 2021 were reviewed. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the Minutes as presented.

CLAIMS:

The Board reviewed interim claims in the packet. The Board reviewed May and June 2021 financial statements in the packet. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the claims as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative Report – Pat Ratliff and Steve Balcerovich provided their legislative reports covering activities in the legislative committees, Colorado Water Congress, and bills linked within a report provided and dated July 19, 2021.

Steve Coffin discussed the federal funding and details related to the infrastructure package passage, earmarks coming back into congressional process, and COVID relief funds.

ACTION ITEMS:

Letter of Engagement for Madoline Wallace-Gross, Lyons Gaddis – Lisa Darling presented the general terms of the letter of engagement and scope of work for this action item in intervening in Parker’s current case *Parker Water v. Rein*. Madoline Wallace-Gross provided details on her engagement letter and scope of work provided in the packet. Upon returning out of executive session (below), and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved to authorize engagement with Lyons Gaddis with four ayes and one abstention by John Kaufman.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Added to Agenda)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board entered an executive session at 1:29 p.m., pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purposes of receiving legal advice regarding:

- a. Engagement with Madoline Wallace-Gross, Lyons Gaddis for potential intervention into *Parker v. Rein*.

At 1:44 p.m., the Board adjourned the executive session and confirmed that no action was taken in executive session and that no matters were discussed beyond the scope for which it was called.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Climate Change – Lurna Kaatz presented on Denver Water’s climate change program and projections into the future related to Colorado’s changing climate. Lisa Darling announced a webcast tomorrow (July 20) on “Mapping Climate Exposure and Climate Information Needs to Water Utility Business Functions.” Mikal will distribute the link for this webcast to members after the meeting.

UPDATES: A written report was provided to the Board and Members. The following items were highlighted during the meeting: *Lisa Darling reminded members that Jim Ginley will be in touch with updated survey questions for each of them – responses are due August 18.*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Front Range Drought Coordination Group 7/20
- WISE Board Meeting 7/21
- One World One Water Center Advisory Council Meeting 7/27
- SPROWG/Platte Water Partnership Meeting 8/3
- Municipal Water Impact Task Force 8/4
- WEco Executive Committee 8/10
- Metro Basin Round Table 8/12
- WISE Board Meeting 8/18
- South Platte BIP Update 8/18
- Colorado Water Congress Summer Conference 8/24-8/26
- WEco President’s Reception 9/9
- WEco Executive Committee 9/14
- WISE Board Meeting 9/15
- SMWSA Board Meeting 9/20

OTHER BUSINESS: Luis Tovar thanked Lisa Darling and Steve Coffin for the work they are doing towards procuring federal funding.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m. The next board meeting will be scheduled for **September 20, 2021**, at 1:00 pm by remote meeting only.

The foregoing minutes constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the above-referenced meeting and was approved by the Board of Directors of the South Metro Water Supply Authority.



Director of the Authority