

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

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

**HELD:** Monday, January 24, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. by remote meeting.  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85926856199?pwd=bERaSINMRDFpQ3VIbDdwZFIzMENJZz09>

**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  
Mark Marlowe, Castle Rock Water  
Dave Kaunisto, East Cherry Creek Valley W&SD  
Stephanie Stanley, Centennial 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  
Heather Beasley, Pinery Water  
Ken Lykens, Meridian Metropolitan District  
Luis Tovar, Cottonwood / Inverness Water & Sanitation Districts  
Sandor Rebek, ACWWA  
Matt Benak, Castle Rock Water  
Evan Bahn, Dominion Water & Sanitation  
Steve Coffin, Steve Coffin Strategies  
Jim Ginley, Jim Ginley Consulting LLC  
Jessica Thrasher, Colorado Stormwater Center  
Madoline Wallace-Gross, Lyons Gaddis

**SMALL/OTHER PROVIDER REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION:** Lisa Darling explained that Mark Harding was nominated via email from the other Small/Other Provider representatives. Russ Dykstra instructed how to proceed, Lisa Darling called for any other nominations, and there were no other nominations. The members voted to elect Mark Harding as their representative on the Board of Directors.

**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 1:05 p.m.

**APPROVE/REVISE AGENDA:**

The Board reviewed the agenda. Lisa Darling suggested a revision on 8b Strategic Plan to include a 2021 Report Out presented by Lisa Darling. There is also an executive session planned to discuss the Parker/Rein case. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda as revised.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from November 29, 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 November and December 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, the Water Resources Interim Committee, SMART hearings of the Ag committees, and they briefly discussed the Nebraska matter. They also provided the framework for their partnership and proposal for 2022, and Steve Balcerovich and Erik Jorgensen will be setting calls with members soon to understand members’ operations better and to see how they can improve the legislative presence at the Capitol for each of the South Metro Water members. A motion was made to support the Senate Joint Resolution 22-002 and President Harding asked if there was any objection to supporting SJR22-002. There was none.

Steve Coffin updated members on potential federal funding details related to the ARPA (COVID Relief) funds to counties and municipalities, as well as the infrastructure funds passed in November.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Ratliff/Balcerovich Engagement Letter 2022** – Lisa Darling presented the terms of engagement for lobbying services with Pat Ratliff and Steve Balcerovich. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to approve the engagement letter as presented.

**2022 Administrative Matters Resolution** – Lisa Darling presented the general purpose and intent of the annual Administrative Matters Resolution. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to approve the Resolution.

**PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Colorado Stormwater Center** – Jessica Thrasher with CSU’s Colorado Stormwater Center provided an overview of their program and how they advance stormwater management through a 4-pronged approach of providing classes/training/certifications, resources, research, and a symposium.

**Strategic Plan Update** – Lisa Darling presented on the 2021 strategic planning accomplishments, and Jim Ginley presented on the plan moving forward for 2022-2024 Strategic Planning.

**Water ’22** – Lisa Darling presented on the Water ’22 Initiative and explained how it works, how to utilize the campaign marketing toolkit, activities, and resources.

**UPDATES:**

A written report was provided to the Board and Members. The following items were highlighted during the meeting: *none*.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (Added to Agenda)**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board entered an executive session at 2:19 p.m., pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purposes of receiving legal advice regarding:

- a. Update with Madoline Wallace-Gross, Lyons Gaddis related to intervention into *Parker v. Rein*.

At 2:39 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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- CWC Annual Conference 1/26-1/28
- ProGreen Expo 2022 2/1-2/3
- Municipal Water Impact Task Force 2/2
- SMWSA Regional ASR Group Meeting 2/3
- WEco Executive Committee 2/8

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- RMSAWWA Conservation Committee 2/9
- Metro Basin Roundtable 2/10
- Super Bowl Sunday!!!! 2/13
- QWEL Training #9 – English, Castle Rock Water (tent.) 2/14-2/16
- SPROWG Regular Meeting 2/15
- CWC Board Meeting 2/15
- WISE Board Meeting 2/16
- Presidents Day 2/21 (SMWSA Offices Closed)
- Utility Management Conference, Orlando, FL 2/22-2/24
- IBCC Regular Meeting 2/23
- Direct Potable Use Stakeholder Meeting 2/23
- Municipal Water Impact Task Force 3/2
- 37<sup>th</sup> Annual WateReuse Symposium 3/7-3/9
- WEco Executive Committee 3/8
- Metro Basin Roundtable Meeting 3/10
- SPROWG Regular Meeting 3/15
- Front Range Drought Coordination Meeting 3/15
- WISE Board Meeting 3/16
- QWEL Training #10 – English, Castle Rock Water (tent.) 3/21-3/23
- Next SMWSA Board Meeting 3/21
- QWEL Training – Spanish #1, SMWSA (tent.) 3/28-3/30

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m. The next board meeting will be scheduled for **March 21, 2022**, 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.

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Director of the Authority