

**City of Greeley
Water and Sewer Board
Minutes of August 21, 2024
Regular Board Meeting**

Chairman Harold Evans called the Water and Sewer Board meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. on Wednesday July 18, 2024.

1. Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll and those present included:

Board Members:

Chairman Harold Evans, Vice Chairman Mick Todd, Tony Miller, Joseph Murphy, Cheri Witt-Brown, Matt Anderson, Mayor John Gates, Director of Finance Tyra Litzau

Water and Sewer Department Staff:

Director Sean Chambers, Interim Deputy Director Water Resources Randy Gustafson, Deputy Director of Utility Finance and Customer Service Erik Dial, Chief Engineer Adam Prior, Office Manager Gigi Allen, Utility Finance Manager Virgil Pierce, Deputy Director of Operations and Maintenance Rebecca Andrus, Water Resource Administrator II Alex Tennant, Water Resource Operations Manager Leah Hubbard, Water Conservation Manager Dena Egenhoff, Water Conservation Coordinator Ben Schaffer, Administrative Assistant III Lisa Van Vorous, Water Resource Administrator II Sam Harshbarger, Water Resource Administrator III Matt Sparacino, Civil Engineer III John Goin, Communication Specialist II Cory Channell, Water Quality and Regulatory Compliance Manager Michaela Jackson

Legal Counsel:

Supervising Senior Environmental and Water Resources Attorney Jerrae Swanson, Senior Environmental and Water Resources Attorney Dan Biwer, Environmental and Water Resources Attorney I Arthur Sayre, Counsel to Water & Sewer Board Attorney Carolyn Noble

Guests:

Former W&S Board member Manual Sisneros

2. Moment of Silence for the passing of Robert (Bob) Ruyle

The Board had a moment of silence for the passing of Emeritus Robert Ruyle. Afterwards they shared memories of Mr. Ruyle.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the July 2024 Water and Sewer Board meeting minutes. The motion carried 6-0.

4. Approval of Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

5. Welcome New Employees and Promotions

Director Sean Chambers provided an introduction of new Water and Sewer Department employees starting this month.

6. Recognition of Service for Retired Board Member Manual Sisneros

Sean Chambers presented a plaque to Manuel Sisneros following ten years of dedicated service to the Greeley community through service on its Water and Sewer Board. The Board has recognized Mr. Sisneros and the many important projects, policy and initiatives undertaken by the Board during the term of Mr. Sisneros service by Resolution No. 2, 2024.

7. Update on Meter Replacement Project

John Goin discussed that the City of Greeley Water and Sewer Department has over 29,000 water meters ranging in size from 12 inch to ¾". These meters started experiencing reduced accuracy, battery failure and communications issues. The Department started replacing these aging water meters throughout the city in 2020, after receiving a Water Smart Grant for \$1.5 million. The Phase I & II water meter replacement project was completed with 14,500 new meters installed by end of 2022.

The City received a second \$2.0 million WaterSmart grant to replace another 11,193 meters and this process started in October of 2022. The final new meters were delivered in the summer of 2023 with installation by City staff and a small UMS crew. The City then started the final phase of replacement in 2024 with city staff and contractors (Utility Meter Solutions) replacing meters with expected completion in fall of 2025.

8. Update on Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Compliance

Michaela Jackson discussed that on June 7, 2024, CDPHE issued 2 drinking water violations to Greeley's Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control (BPCCC) Program. W&S Staff have been working to resolve the violations by the compliance deadline of September 5th and Michaela gave an update on the progress towards violation resolution.

Matt Sparacino left the meeting at 3:00 pm

9. Legal Report

Carolyn Burr, outside counsel for the Greeley Water & Sewer Board provided the Legal Report for August.

Based on review of the June 2024 Water Division 1 Resume, staff and water counsel did not identify any new matters to recommend that the Water and Sewer Board file a statement of opposition by the end of August, 2024.

Ms. Burr also provided an update on Case No. 19CW3253 – Application of Parker WSD and Lower South Platte WCD: Update on the applicants' claims, Greeley's concerns, and the procedural status of the case.

10. Director's Report

Sean Chambers provided the Water & Sewer Board and staff with a brief update on the following items of water utilities policy interest;

Education and Advocacy and Events Calendar

Colorado Water Congress Summer Conference and Training

August 20th – 22nd in Colorado Springs, CO (conflict with August W&S Board meeting date)

<https://members.cowatercongress.org/calendar/Details/summer-conference-996589?sourceTypeId=Hub>

Rocky Mountain AWWA Water Conference

September 26 – 28th, Operator, Admin and Leadership Training Conference by the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Water Works Association. <https://www.rockymountainwaterconference.org/>

Water Quality Control Division (within CDPH&E) House Bill 24-1379 Dredge & Fill Workshops

Regulation 87, a control regulation for avoiding and minimizing impacts from dredge and fill activities; September 2024 workshops: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dredge-and-fill-engagement>

The Colorado River District's Annual Water Seminar

Friday, September 20th, 2024 at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction

<https://www.coloradoriverdistrict.org/annual-water-seminar-2024/>

Colorado Water Conservation Board Annual all basins summit (C-9 Summit) – a meeting of the state's 9 basin roundtables as guided by the Water for the 21st Century Act: Oct. 1-2, 2024, in Crested Butte

<https://cwcb.colorado.gov/events/c9-summit>

Water in the West Symposium by Colorado State University at Spur Campus
November 13 – 14th at Hydro building of CSU's Spur campus, Denver

Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies '24 Executive Management Conference
October 20th – 23rd <https://www.amwa.net/>

Colorado River Water Users (CRWU) Conference
December 4th – 6th <https://crwua.org/>

Terry Ranch Pipeline Phase 1 Completion Milestone

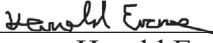
Staff, Contractors and consulting engineers are celebrating the completion of the first phase of pipeline construction. As we prepare to move forward with the next phase, this is a milestone worth celebrating.

11. Such Other Business That May Be Brought Before the Board Added to This Agenda by Motion of the Board

Nothing else was brought before the Board.

12. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 3:23 p.m.



Harold Evans, Chairman



Raymond Lee, Board Secretary