

**City of Greeley
Water and Sewer Board
Minutes of March 20, 2024, 2024
Regular Board Meeting**

Chairman Harold Evans called the Water and Sewer Board meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

1. Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll and those present included:

Board Members:

Chairman Harold Evans, Vice Chairman Mick Todd, Fred Otis, Tony Miller, Cheri Witt-Brown, Mayor John Gates, Treasurer Robert Miller on Behalf of Finance Director Tyra Litzua

Water and Sewer Department staff:

Deputy Director of Utility Finance and Customer Service Erik Dial, Chief Engineer Adam Prior, Deputy Director of W&S Operations and Maintenance Rebecca Andrus, Office Manager Gigi Allen, Administrative Assistant III Lisa Van Vorous, Acting Deputy Director of Water Resources Kelen Dowdy, Utility Finance Manager Virgil Pierce, Water Resource Administrator III Matt Sparacino, Water Resource Operations Manager Leah Hubbard, Source Water Supply Manager Cole Gustafson, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent Tyler Eldridge, Civil Engineer II Keri Fishlock, Civil Engineer III Cadee Oakleaf, Administrative Assistant II Dana Ortiz, Water Enterprise Financial Analyst Crystal Sanchez, Intern III Mitch Zombek

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 Burr

Guests:

James Sutherland from Wingfoot, Communications Specialist II Cory Channell, Paralegal Julie Martinez, Paralegal Susan Larsen

2. Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Todd made a motion, seconded by Mr. Otis to approve the February 2023 Water and Sewer Board meeting minutes. The motion carried 5-0.

3. Approval of Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. Welcome New Employees and Promotions

Deputy Director of Finance and Customer Service Erik Dial provided an introduction of new Water and Sewer Department employees starting this month.

Councilmember Deb DeBoutez joined the meeting at 2:13 pm

5. Colorado Drinking Water Revolving Fund Loan for the Lead and Service Identification and Replacement Project

Virgil Pierce discussed that the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority approved the City of Greeley's loan application for the Drinking Water Revolving Fund Loan Program. The low interest loan will cover \$21M of the Lead Service Identification and Replacement Project in the most at-risk areas of the city. The approval includes \$10M in loan principal forgiveness.

6. WTRF- Nitrification Phase 2 Performance Update

Tyler Eldridge spoke about the Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility (WTRF) Nitrification Phase 2 (NP2) Project (2019-2023) that successfully implemented process upgrades to the WTRF; enhanced nutrient removal to meet CDPHE Regulation 85 nutrient discharge limits, an increase to the facility's organic loading capacity, and provided a more redundant and resilient flow path to meet regulatory requirements more consistently. The presentation highlighted key parameters of interest and the impact the project has had on them thus far.

7. Legal Report

Carolyn Burr provided the Legal Report. Based on review of the February 2024 Water Division 1 Resume, staff and water counsel recommend that the Water and Sewer Board file no statements of opposition this month.

1. Case No. 20CW3011 – Application of Johnstown update was also provided.

Keri Fishlock left the meeting at 2:29 pm

8. Director's Report

Erik Dial provided this month's Director's Report on behalf of Sean Chambers. He provided the Water & Sewer Board and staff with a brief update on the following items of water utilities policy interest;

City of Greeley and Colorado Water Industry Education and Advocacy Events Calendar

Thank you for those who attended the Poudre River Forum on March 1st to celebrate Randy Gustafson's Poudre Pioneer Award.

CSU Water Center Water Workforce Summit – April 1st and 2nd at Auraria Campus / CSU Spur <https://watercenter.colostate.edu/event/colorado-water-center-water-workforce-summit/>

Colorado Interbasin Compact Committee – Triannual Meeting – June 18th

Colorado Water Conservation Board Annual all basins summit (C-9 Summit) – Oct. 1-2, 2024, in Crested Butte
<https://cwcb.colorado.gov/events/c9-summit>

Upper Colorado River Commission Alternative for Drought Operations Press Release and Infographics <http://www.ucrcommission.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/UDS-Alternative-Submittal-Press-Release.pdf>

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

10. Executive Session

The following people left the meeting at the end of the Public Session:

Crystal Sanchez, Mitch Zombeck, Tyler Eldridge, Rebecca Andrus, James Sutherland, Gigi Allen, Lisa Van Vorous, Dana Ortiz, Cadee Oakleaf, Matt Sparacino, Virgil Pierce, Councilmember Deb DeBoutez, and Cory Channell

Chairman Evans moved that the Board adjourn the public portion of the March 20, 2024 Water and Sewer Board meeting and hold an executive session to address the following matters as provided by C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(a), (b), and (e) and Greeley Municipal Code Sec. 2-151 (a) (1), and (5):

1. For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators related to the potential acquisition of water rights within the context of current water market conditions. Vice Chairman Todd seconded the motion. The motion passed.

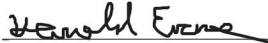
Present during Executive Session were:

Chairman Harold Evans, Vice Chairman Todd, Mayor John Gates, Cheri Witt-Brown, Fred Otis, Tony Miller, Treasurer Robert Miller on behalf of Ms. Tyra Litzau, Deputy Director of Finance and Utility Billing Erik Dial, Chief Engineer Adam Prior, Supervising Senior Environmental and Water Resources Attorney Jerrae Swanson, Senior Environmental and Water Resources Attorney Daniel Biwer, Environmental and Water Resources Attorney I Arthur Sayre, Counsel to Water & Sewer Board Attorney Carolyn Burr, Source Water Supply Manager Cole Gustafson, Water Resource Operations Manager Leah Hubbard, Acting Deputy Director Water Resources Kelen Dowdy.

This executive session is authorized by Subsections (a) and (e) of Section 24-6-402(4) of the Colorado Revised Statutes, and Subsection(s) (1) and (5) of Section 2-151 (a) of the Greeley Municipal Code.

11. Adjournment

The Public Session portion of the meeting ended at 2:41 p.m.



Harold Evans, Chairman



Raymond Lee, Board Secretary