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MINUTES OF THE
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT SUBDISTRICT OF THE
CENTRAL COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
JULY 15, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Groundwater Management Subdistrict of the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District was held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at the office of the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District located at 3209 W. 28th St. Greeley, Colorado. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Chairman Ralph Anders and the following Directors were present: Ralph Anders, President; Chad Schafer, Vice President; Frank Eckhardt, At Large; Dave Bernhardt; Steve Bruntz; Calven Goza; Dan Kammerzell; Everett Kissler; Randy Knutson; John Mark; Alan Mazzotti and Brian Rosenbrock. Bret Schmidt, Doug Dill and Gary Herman were absent.

Others present were Randy Ray, Executive Director; Billy Mihelich, District Engineer; Courtney Sandavol, Water Quality Coordinator; Abby Gearhart, Water Quality Assistant; Danyelle Hart, Financial Analyst and Lynn Kramer, Contracts Manager. Special guests were Brad Grasmick and David Strait of Lawrence Custer Grasmick Jones & Donovan.

ACCEPT INTO THE RECORD THE CONSENT CALENDAR, FINANCIALS, AND ALL MINUTES OF MAY AND JULY 2025 AS PRESENTED.
MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT
SECOND: FRANK ECKHARDT
MOTION CARRIED

Public Discussion

Robert Sakata, Agricultural Water Policy Advisor, gave a presentation. Discussion followed.

JC York from J&T Consulting presented bids to construct augmentation wells at Sweet Valley.

MOVE TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM HYDRO RESOURCES TO CONSTRUCT AUGMENTATION WELLS WITH SUBMERSIBLE PUMPS AT SWEET VALLEY.
MOTION: EVERETT KISSLER
SECOND: ALAN MAZZOTTI
MOTION CARRIED

Sam Hellwege of Clifton Larson Allen attended to present the 2024 Audit Report. Chad Chavies from Tim Chavies & Associates provided comments.

MOVE TO ACCEPT THE 2024 GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT SUBDISTRICT AUDIT.
MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT
SECOND: CHAD SCHAFER
MOTION CARRIED

Mike Alexander from Honker Nation attended to discuss leasing properties for his hunting club. Discussion followed.

Action Items

Lynn Kramer presented one Petition for Class D Irrigation Water Allotment Contract for approval.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF THE GMS PETITION FOR CLASS D IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT CONTRACT #1049 CHRIS B. HIRST TO GMS PETITION FOR CLASS D IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT CONTRACT #1356 JOSHUA DEDMON REYNOLDS.
MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT
SECOND: FRANK ECKHARDT
MOTION CARRIED

Legal Action Items

There were no legal action items.

Legal/Legislative Reports

Brad Grasmick reviewed the May and June resumes.

MOVE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION TO CASE NO. 2025CW3062.
MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT
SECOND: JOHN MARK
MOTION CARRIED

MOVE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION TO CASE NO. 2025CW3089.
MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT
SECOND: CALVEN GOZA
MOTION CARRIED

Brad gave a Water Court update including the change of Farmers Independent Ditch shares, the Supplemental Augmentation Plan and the Parker/Lower South Platte case. Randy provided comments on a meeting he attended on June 27, 2025 with Ron Redd from Parker, Mark Marlow from Castle Rock and Joe Frank with Lower South Platte Water District regarding the Lower/Parker joint application for case 19CW3253.

MOVE TO APPROVE DELIGATING TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THE AUTHORITY TO DECIDE WHETHER TO SETTLE OR PROCEED TO TRIAL IN CASE 19CW3253.
MOTION: EVERETT KISSLER
SECOND: DAVE BERNHARDT
MOTION CARRIED

District Action

MOVE TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF THE CENTRAL COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT AND THE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT SUBDISTRICT.
MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT
SECOND: STEVE BRUNTZ
MOTION CARRIED

Randy presented the Greenway Foundation's request for a donation to support the Reception on the River event.

MOVE TO APPROVE A DONATION OF $1000 TO THE GREENWAY FOUNDATION FOR THE RECEPTION ON THE RIVER.
MOTION: RANDY KNUTSON
SECOND: CHAD SCHAFER
MOTION CARRIED

Randy presented the License Agreement for the dewatering of groundwater mounding at Sweet Valley. Modifications are being made, and the revised agreement will be brought back to the Board for consideration next month.

Randy discussed the HS Land & Cattle Easement and Operating Agreement at Sweet Valley.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT WITH HS LAND AND CATTLE, WITH STAFF AUTHORIZED TO MAKE NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGES.
MOTION: CHAD SCHAFER
SECOND: EVERETT KISSLER
MOTION CARRIED

MOVE TO APPROVE TWO HUNTING LEASES WITH HONKER NATION, ONE FOR KOENIG RESERVOIR AT $5000 AND ONE FOR PIONEER RESERVOIR AT $8000.
MOTION: JOHN MARK
SECOND: DAVE BERNHARDT
MOTION CARRIED

Subdistrict Action

Billy presented the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Ed & Susie Orr for 32 shares of Jones Ditch Company.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH ED AND SUSIE ORR FOR 32 SHARES OF JONES DITCH COMPANY.
MOTION: CHAD SCHAFER
SECOND: RANDY KNUTSON
MOTION CARRIED

Randy reviewed the River Road Holdings application and agreement. A discussion followed, during which Brad presented various options.

MOVE TO GIVE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE A ONE YEAR AGREEMENT WITH RIVER ROAD HOLDINGS TO LEASE THE MCCARTHY WELLS FOR $5000 AND GMS PUMPING ALLOCATION AT $200 PER ACRE FOOT.
MOTION: RANDY KNUTSON
SECOND: CHAD SCHAFER
MOTION CARRIED

Randy presented the Burnco powerline Right-of-Way Easement.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT WITH BURNCO AT NISSEN RESERVOIR FOR A POUDRE VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION POWER LINE WITH THE AMENDMENT TO PARAGRAPH F.
MOTION: CHAD SCHAFER
SECOND: JOHN MARK
MOTION CARRIED

The board agreed to continue the research on the Goldman Water Storage project.

Billy discussed the Empire Dairy Augmentation Water Credit Agreement.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE AUGMENTATION WATER CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH EMPIRE DAIRY LLC AND EMPIRE LAND CO LLC.
MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT
SECOND: JOHN MARK
MOTION CARRIED WITH STEVE BRUNTZ ABSTAINING

Randy discussed the Water Storage Lease Agreement with Chevron.

MOVE TO HAVE STAFF DRAFT THE CHEVRON WATER STORAGE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MODIFICATIONS DICUSSED.
MOTION: CHAD SCHAFER

SECOND: STEVE BRUNTZ
MOTION CARRIED WITH DAN KAMMERZELL AND DAVE BERNHARDT ABSTAINING

The Board discussed Nicholas Kummet's request to run RC Boats at Koenig Reservoir. Following discussion, the board unanimously agreed to decline the request.

Staff Action

There was no staff action.

President's Report

There was no President's Report.

Education Report

There was no Education Report.

Water Quality Report

Courtney Sandoval and Abby Gearhart presented a Water Quality Report regarding groundwater depth trends.

Subdistrict Report

Billy Mihelich provided the operational reports and precipitation outlook. He then talked to the Board about revising his monthly report to include additional information about the augmentation plans.

District Report

There was no District Report.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Ray discussed the possibility of placing a bond measure on the ballot for the next election. Bill Ray is scheduled to attend a future Board meeting to provide his expertise on voter data.

Secretary Ray presented the CCWCD calendar highlighting the bus tour and the August Board Meeting dates.

New Business

There was no new business.

MOVE TO ADJOURN.
MOTION: EVERETT KISSLER
SECOND: STEVE BRUNTZ
MOTION CARRIED

The regular meeting was adjourned at 2:46 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Kramer

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