

**City of Greeley
Water and Sewer Board
Minutes of April 19, 2023
Regular Board Meeting**

Chairman Harold Evans called the Water and Sewer Board meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

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, Joseph Murphy, Manuel Sisneros, Cheri Witt-Brown, Mayor John Gates, Deputy City Manager Donald Tripp on behalf of City Manager Raymond Lee, Finance Director John Karner

Water and Sewer Department staff:

Director Sean Chambers, Deputy Director Water Resources Ty Bereskie, Deputy Director of Utility Finance and Customer Service Erik Dial, Chief Engineer Adam Prior, Office Manager Gigi Allen, Administrative Assistant III Crystal Sanchez, Water Resource Planning Manager Kelen Dowdy, Water Conservation Manager Dena Egenhoff, Rates and Budget Analyst Virgil Pierce, Civil Engineer IV Jim Paulson, Communication Specialist II Cory Channell, Water Resource Administrator III Matt Sparacino, Water Resource Administrator III Sam Harshbarger, Water Resource Administrator II Alex Tennant, Water Resource Administrator I Megan Kramer, Water Resource Operations Manager Leah Hubbard (joined Virtually)

Legal Counsel:

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

Guests:

Emeritus Robert Ruyle, Neil Stewart with Stantec, Council Member Deb Deboutez (joined virtually), James Sutherland from Wingfoot, PC Specialist Ben Soliday

2. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Witt-Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Otis to approve the March 15, 2023 Water and Sewer Board meeting minutes. The motion carried 7-0.

3. Approval of Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. Welcome New Employees and Promotions

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

Agenda number 5 and 6 were switched, IWRP was presented then Fourth Quarter 2022 CIP Update.

Assistant City Manager Juliana Kitten joined the meeting at 2:26 pm.

5. Integrated Water Resource Plan Update (IWRP)

Water Resources Planning Manager, Kelen Dowdy and Neil Stewart from Stantec presented to the Board the draft final IWRP report.

During the presentation the Board asked if there are plans to change agricultural water rights to municipal use any time soon or is there a set amount each year that will be looked at? City staff responded it would change water based on economic and strategic considerations as well as the water rights purchased in the future.

Annual updates will be given to the Board once the final IWRP is adopted.

The Board has been given the opportunity to email comments about the IWRP presentation by May 1, 2023 to Kelen Dowdy.

Neil Stewart and Ben Soliday left the meeting at 2:45 pm.

6. Fourth Quarter 2022 CIP Update

Adam Prior provided an update on CIP projects.

When discussing the Lead Service Line Inventory and Replacement project the Board asked when completion was anticipated. Mr. Prior stated it will be dependent on budget and manpower to get the work done. The next phase will be to pothole 500 to 1,000 sites and then plan for replacements from there. There is \$6,000,000 budgeted for this work in 2023. The system inventory for this project is due in October 2024 and that is the completion date the City is working towards.

The Board asked if there have been any improvements in the supply chain pricing and timing of deliveries. Mr. Prior responded it would typically see about 7 to 8% increase in supply costs but the past couple of years that increase has been around 30%. The City is also experiencing delays in equipment being delivered, depending on the equipment/materials needed with some lead times of up to a year. Adjustments have been made to planning of projects to get equipment/supplies ordered up to two years in advance before work is to commence.

7. April Water Supply Update and Approve Determination of Water sufficiency

Staff reported on Greeley's water supply status. Based on projected storage, staff recommends that the Board declare an "Adequate Water Year," with normal watering restrictions and that the Board authorize staff to rent out available excess water supply, so long as the target storage volume of 21,300 acre-feet is maintained.

Mr. Miller moved that the Water and Sewer Board declare an adequate year and make supplies available for rental. Vice Chairman Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Assistant City Manager Juliana Kitten left at 3:07 pm

8. Legal Report

Staff and Carolyn Burr of Welborn, Sullivan, Meck and Tooley do not recommend authorizing filing any statements of opposition to matters contained in the February 2023 Water Division 1 resume.

9. Director's Report

Director, Sean Chambers provided a summary of the following items of interest.

1. City of Greeley and Water Industry Events
 - a. 2023 Boards and Commission's volunteer appreciation event – 4/27 at 5:30 pm
 - b. CWCB Drought Summit - 5/31 & 6/1
 - c. Summer Board & Council Tour – July 28, 2023
 - i. Tentative: WWTRF, Poudre Ponds, Terry Ranch pipeline, Chimney Hollow
 - d. Colorado Water Congress Conference – August 2023 dates TBD
2. 2024 Budget Process Update
3. PFAS Info Sheet
4. Colorado River Shortage Update

- a.* Bureau of Reclamation has released the draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for Near-term Colorado River Operations. The supplement is to the December 2007 Record of Decision associated with the Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead, referred to as the 2007 Interim Guidelines.

<https://www.usbr.gov/ColoradoRiverBasin/SEIS.html>

- 5. Wastewater Treatment & Reclamation Facility Nutrient Remove CIP update report – April

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

There were no additional items brought before the Board and added to the agenda.

12. Adjournment

Chairman Evans adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

Harold Evans, Chairman

Raymond Lee, Board Secretary