

**City of Greeley
Water and Sewer Board
Minutes of September 21, 2022
Regular Board Meeting**

Chairman Harold Evans called the Water and Sewer Board meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

1. Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll and those present included:

Board Members:

Chairman Harold Evans, Vice Chairman Mick Todd, Cheri Witt-Brown, Fred Otis, Tony Miller, Joseph Murphy, Donald Tripp on behalf of City Manager Raymond Lee, and Finance Director John Karner

Water and Sewer Department staff:

Director Sean Chambers, Utility Finance Manager Erik Dial, Water Resources, Senior Administrative Assistant Crystal Sanchez, Interim Office Manager Gigi Allen, Water Resource Operations Manager Leah Hubbard and Water Resource Planning Manager Kelen Dowdy

Legal Counsel:

Senior Environmental and Water Resources Attorney Jerrae Swanson, Environmental and Water Resources Attorney II Dan Biwer, Counsel to Water & Sewer Board Attorney Jim Noble

Guests:

Emeritus Robert Ruyle, Neil Stewart with Stantec, Doug Jeavans with BBC

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the August 17th, 2022 Water and Sewer Board meeting minutes. The motion carried 6-0.

3. Approval of Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. Welcome New Employees and Promotions

Sean Chambers provided an introduction of new Water and Sewer Department employees starting this month as well as promotions and retirements.

5. 2nd Tri-Annual Water Court update

Leah Hubbard discussed that the City of Greeley Water and Sewer Department is active in numerous Water Court matters to develop additional water supply and to protect existing water rights. In the 2nd trimester of 2022, Greeley was active in a total of 31 Water Court cases, 29 of which were in the role of opposition. Year to date legal and engineering expenses totaled \$368,774 as of September 14, 2022.

6. IWRP Update Hydrology

Kelen Dowdy, Neil Stewart from Stantec and Doug Jeavans for BBC discussed that the current Greeley Water Supply Master Plan is more than 17 years old and since the creation of the last master plan in 2003, Greeley's strategies to continue to provide a robust, resilient water supply have evolved and the water market has transformed. Likewise, widely accepted strategies used to plan for water development have progressed. Consequently, the Water Resources team has been developing a new water master plan, through a process termed Integrated Water Resource Planning (IWRP). The IWRP process will evaluate Greeley's long-term water supply sustainability, develop a road map to buildout and identify near-term CIP components. As part of the process, the IWRP evaluate a suit of future conditions to plan for called "planning scenarios". These scenarios define key components of future conditions such as the state of Greeley's water supply system, demands, climates and other system risks. In order to define multiple future demand conditions, the IWRP updated Greeley's existing demand forecasting model to incorporate new information and generate new demand forecasts based off of the recommended scenarios. Kelen, Neil and Doug presented on demand forecasts and underlying assumptions during the meeting this month.

Neil Stewart left the meeting at 2:59 pm.

7. Legal Report

Jim Noble, Esq. with Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley, P.C. provided the legal report this month and reported that, based on the review of the July, 2022 Water Court Resume, staff and water counsel do not recommend that the Water and Sewer Board file statements of opposition to any water court applications that would be due at the end of September, 2022. Mr. Noble also provided a brief update on the status of the water court case to change the use of WSSC shares for municipal purposes.

8. Director's Report

Sean Chambers provided an overview of several items of Board interest:

1. Colorado State University – Living with the Colorado River Compact: Past, Present and Future – 9/26/22 <https://watercenter.colostate.edu/colorado-river-compact-symposium/>
2. Recognize City of Greeley participants of WLL course
3. Dropbox Board archive files are fully converted to Teams file platform
4. All emails have been entered into the NCWCD Windy Gap, Chimney Hollow, Project newsletter subscription

9. 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.

10. Adjournment

Chairman Evans adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Harold Evans, Chairman

Raymond Lee, Board Secretary