

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MINUTES  
of the  
Board of Water Commissioners**

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or Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 928 2220 3663

**Wednesday, October 14, 2020**

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**Open Session**

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, October 14, 2020, beginning at 9:00 a.m. via Video Conference: <http://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 928 2220 3663, Password: 277097 or via Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 928 2220 3663. Members of the Board present during the Regular Meeting were:

**H. Gregory Austin, President**  
**Gary M. Reiff, First Vice President**  
**Paula Herzmark, Vice President**  
**Craig Jones, Vice President**  
**John R. Lucero, Vice President**

Board employees and others present during portions of the meeting were:

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| J.S. Lochhead, CEO/Manager                           | T. LaPan, Landscape Sr. Architect              |
| J.A. Anderson, Chief of Staff                        | J. Martin, Project Engineer                    |
| J. Brody, General Counsel                            | D. Martinelli, Finance Associate Analyst       |
| B.D. Good, Chief Administrative Officer              | C. Mbakogu, Division Sr. Analyst               |
| D. Gorgemans, Chief Internal Auditor                 | A. Menefee, Community Relations Sr. Specialist |
| M. King, Chief External Affairs Officer              | K. Oligney, Director IT Infrastructure         |
| R. Mahoney, Chief Engineering Officer                | C. Palmore, Division Analyst                   |
| T.J. Roode, Chief Operations and Maintenance Officer | C. Proctor, Communication Sr. Specialist       |
| U. Sharma, <i>Acting</i> Chief Financial Officer     | D. Raitt, Engineering Manager                  |
| D. Arnold, Attorney                                  | B. Ransom, Recreation Manager                  |
| R. Badger, Planning Manager                          | K. Riegler, Attorney                           |
| C. Bramon, Procurement Manager                       | L. Southard, Administrative Sr. Assistant      |
| M. Bricker, Intern                                   | J. Stokes, Director Enterprise Project         |
| A. Cavallaro, Paralegal                              |  |

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S. Chesney, Director Public Affairs  
J. Christensen, Contract Specialist  
J. Daly, Finance Sr. Analyst  
N. DiMascio, Attorney  
C. Fransen, Contract Specialist  
J. Kearns, Contract Specialist

Management  
A. Turney, Director Engineering -  
Property  
P. Williams, Executive Assistant  
C. Lane, Platte Canyon Water and  
Sanitation District

## INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Commissioner Austin called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

### Public Comment and Communications

Commissioner Austin issued an invitation to members of the public to comment to the Board on any matters not included in the Agenda for the meeting. There was no public comment.

## ACTION ITEMS

Upon motion regularly made, seconded and unanimously carried by the Commissioners then present, unless otherwise noted, the Board acted upon the following agenda items:

**1. ITEM II-A-1: MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

Approved the Minutes from the September 9, 2020 Board Meeting.

**2. ITEM II-A-2: MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 23, 2020**

Approved the Minutes from the September 23, 2020 Board Meeting.

**3. ITEM II-A-3: QUIVAS BUILDING RENOVATION – CONTRACT 504430**

Approved Contract 504430 with GH Phipps Construction Company for the Quivas Building Renovation for the contract period from October 14, 2020 to November 1, 2021, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,724,743.

In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Roode explained that Denver Water's Water Quality Operations group has been housed at the Marston water quality laboratory facility, which requires repair. The original plan was to move the group to the National Western Complex, however the location of the Quivas

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Building allows better efficiencies for operational and field-based staff to sample the distribution system, and the space is more conducive for field vehicles and equipment. He noted that the simple samples will be done at the Quivas facility, which will serve as the central hub, and then batched to the National Western Complex. This approach provides the best financial option.

Approved Contract 504430 with GH Phipps Construction Company for the Quivas Building Renovation for the contract period from October 14, 2020 to November 1, 2021, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,724,743.

**4. ITEM II-A-4: FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE RECREATION LEASE FOR THE HIGH LINE CANAL WITH CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE – CONTRACT 500328**

Approved the First Amendment to Contract 500328 with the City of Cherry Hills Village to support continued recreation.

**5. ITEM II-A-5: STERLING RANCH RECREATION LEASE – CONTRACT 504628**

Board Item II-A-5 was removed from consideration.

**6. ITEM II-A-6: ADAM COUNTY'S LOCAL ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Approved the Resolution adopting Annex D of Adams County's All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**7. ITEM II-B-1: EIGHTH AMENDMENT FOR GROSS RESERVOIR EXPANSION DESIGN ENGINEER – CONTRACT 503074**

Mr. Martin presented the Board with a Gross Reservoir Expansion Project update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit A. He noted that Denver Water contracted with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the design work, which was paused while the team focused on an innovation-based design process in order to examine options to reduce the program's schedule, cost, and risk. The innovation process identified areas in which to simplify the dam's construction process and prompted a reevaluation of the thermal mechanical properties of the dam. The Eighth Amendment to the Stantec contract provides for continued evaluation of potential innovation,

support for independent Board of Consultants (BOC) regulatory information requests, and owner-directed contingencies.

Approved the Eighth Amendment to Contract 503074 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for an extension of the contract period from December 13, 2017 to July 30, 2021 for an additional \$686,743, for a total amended contract amount not to exceed \$17,868,782.

## EXECUTIVE UPDATE

### 8. ITEM IV-A: CEO REPORT

Mr. Lochhead provided an update on meetings held with Denver City Council Members and Mayor Hancock. He reported that briefings included information on Denver Water's response to COVID-19, the Lead Reduction Program (LRP), and the proposed 1.5% water rate increase to fund the LRP. He stated that the discussions were productive, the LRP has been well-received, and feedback on the proposed rate increase was positive, noting that City Council understood the dynamics of the LRP and stressed the need for cooperation on public outreach. Overall, ongoing communications with Mayor Hancock and his staff continue to be positive and productive.

### 9. ITEM IV-C: OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Roode provided an update on the wildfires occurring in and around Denver Water's water collection system. He reported that although two snowstorms over the last couple of weeks have helped to suppress fire growth, the hot, dry, and windy conditions have increased the fires' movement. Denver Water is working directly with the U.S. Forest Service and has set-up perimeter sprinkler systems with a focus on protecting existing structures. Denver Water continues to closely monitor the wildfires while formulating plans to assess and mitigate the damage. The expectation is that there will be an increased accumulation of sediment in the collection system, including the pipes and tunnels that feed into that system.

Commissioner Austin commented on past experience, which has shown that sedimentation problems do not go away quickly and can have a long-lasting impact on watersheds. Mr. Roode acknowledged the concern and noted that Denver Water staff is consulting with the City of Fort Collins to gain insight through its experience.

## ADJOURNMENT

No further business appearing, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into an Executive Session at approximately 9:26 a.m.

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*Jim Lockhead*  
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Secretary

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*Greg Austin*  
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President