

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
SAN JUAN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
JULY 25, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING

Attendance

A Special Meeting of San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) was held, Monday July 25, at 4 pm in person at 46 Eaton Drive Suite 5 and on Zoom.

The following SJWCD Directors were present: Al Pfister, Doug Secrist, Joe Tedder, Rachel Suh, Bill Nobles, Candace Jones. Also present was Sally High (SJWCD Executive Assistant), Steve Wolff (Southwestern Water Conservation District), Bill Hudson, (Pagosa Daily Post), Dorothy Elder (Pagosa Sun).

Attending by Zoom were Directors Susan Nossaman and Rod Proffitt. Also attending by Zoom were: Erin Wilson (Wilson Water Group), Warren Brown (Archuleta County Commission), Mary Jo Coulehan (Pagosa Chamber of Commerce), James Dickoff (Town of Pagosa Springs), Shari Pierce (Pagosa Springs Mayor), Mely Whiting (Trout Unlimited & Watershed Enhancement Partnership), Kathleen Wanatowicz (Project Resource Studios), Terri House (Pagosa Sun Editor), Dana Guinn (San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership & Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership), Jeff Kane (SJWCD Attorney), Chris Wardle, Joe Crabb (Colorado Division of Water Resources), John Sowerby, Ed Perkins (Colorado Parks and Wildlife), Pagosa Sun by telephone, unknown telephone.

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of SJWCD was called to order by Chairman Allan Pfister at 4:06 p.m.

Revisions to Agenda

No revisions to the agenda were heard.

Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

No Conflicts of Interest were disclosed.

Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

New Board Members and Four Oaths of Office

Four incoming Directors each read and swore to the oath of office as required by Colorado law C.R.S.A. § 24-12-101. Signed copies will be kept in the Board Book in keeping with Colorado records laws.

Consideration of Election of Secretary

Candace Jones volunteered to assume the duties of Secretary. Director Pfister moved. Director Nobles seconded. Unanimous approval.

Consideration of Wilson Water Group Supply and Demand Study

Directors considered the Wilson Water Group DRAFT Supply and Demand Study, having read the report in the Board Packet. Erin Wilson began her report by stating two main goals of the Water Study: (1) To document current, potential, and future demands for water in the district providing a range for all water uses and (2) To be sure that we had access to all relevant data to make valid and reliable predictions. Population growth was greater than anticipated in recent years, according to utilities, subdivisions, and government entities. Other factors identified, that could impact water infrastructure, were early runoff and wildfire. Ranges of data (low, middle, and high) were provided throughout the 24-page report, while holding Gallons Per Capita Per Day (GPCD) constant. All water uses were considered in the WWG report: agricultural, recreational, environmental, and municipal. Other related issues considered included conservation of water, river health, forest health, agricultural fallowing, repairing PAWSD leakage of treated water, increasing efficiency of existing PAWSD reservoirs, drying domestic water wells, and the cost of San Juan River Headwaters Project.

Wilson Water Group previously provided diligence before SJWCD abandoned the West Fork Water rights in 2021. The current supply and demand study anticipated upcoming diligence to the Dry Gulch water rights. The report anticipated the eventual determination of an appropriate reservoir size for the San Juan River Headwaters Project, but no concrete analysis or predictions were included. Neither diligence nor engineering needs were included.

Directors and attendees provided relevant questions and discussion in the course of the ~2.5-hour presentation. The WWG report will be posted on the SJWCD website and presented to the public on August 9. Public comments will be accepted between August 4 and August 31 to sanjwcd@gmail.com or apfister@gmail.com.

Consideration of PRS Three Communication and Outreach Events

Directors considered an update from Kathleen Wanatowicz of PRS. Three public outreach communication events are planned for August:

- Archuleta County Fair on August 4-7
- Stakeholders Outreach Event at Aragon Community Center on August 9 from 6 to 8pm
- Business After Hours with Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership and Pagosa Chamber of Commerce on August 24 from 5:30 to 7:30.

The contract between SJWCD and the Fair Board was shared. Booth will be set-up when Fair begins and taken down at end of Fair. Promotional materials include a PRS coloring page, crayons, a WIP-developed Activity Book, the PRS-developed brochure and appropriate water analysis documents. Printed materials will be picked up from Just Click before events.

No RSVP's have been received for the August 9 event after the PRS invitation was sent by email. Directors agreed that local contacts are preferred by local stakeholders. It was decided that food will be provided, but not a sit-down meal.

The invitation and other PRS produced documents will be uploaded to sjwcd.org. PRS will moderate the August 9 public meeting in-person and possibly attend the Business After Hours event.

Discussion of SJWCD Facebook Page

Director Pfister described the unauthorized two-year history of the SJWCD Facebook page and inappropriate posts. A recent inappropriate post commented on the Sun's editorial last week. Director Secrist pointed out that multiple posts are made each day. Director Proffitt admitted to posting. The SJWCD Executive Assistant informed Facebook twice that the page and all posts were not authorized by the SJWCD Board. Director Suh agreed to meet with Director Proffitt to determine who is administrator and to explore how to change the control of the page. Director Suh agrees to send a Zoom invitation to Director Proffitt for Tuesday afternoon, August 26, at 2pm.

The Executive Assistant requests that her name and the outdated land telephone line be removed. The contact email will be sanjwcd@gmail.com. The media contact will be apfister.sjwcd@gmail.com.

Consideration of Draft Revisions to 2022 Strategic Plan

Directors agreed to table finalization of the 2022 Strategic Plan draft until after the public comment period about the WWG supply and demand study. Trello on-line management services (trello.com) in Durango is free and recommended by Director Suh. Streamlining the document, focusing on actions and objectives, was suggested by Director Tedder. All background information, values and vision will become a background document.

A Special Meeting in September may be scheduled after the August 15 Regular Meeting. Director Secrist moved. Director Pfister seconded. Unanimous approval.

Update on Website Migration

The sjwcd.org website has been migrated from Bill Hudson's server to Curtis Nehring's server. CodebyCurtis costs \$166 per year for hosting, security, back-up, and domain protection. A number of website revisions and additions will happen in coming days.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

SAN JUAN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

By /s/ Sally High

For Board of Directors

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