

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF LITTLE THOMPSON WATER DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of Little Thompson Water District (LTWD) met in regular session on Thursday, February 10, 2022. Attendance was as follows:

Board of Directors:

Bill Szmyd, President, Present  
Steven Brandenburg, Present – *via conference call*  
Larry Brandt, Present  
Ryan Heiland, Present  
Ed Martens, Present  
Emily McMurtrey, Present  
James J. Walker, Present

Staff in Attendance:

Amber Kauffman, District Manager  
Angela Diekhoff, Business Manager  
Brad E. Eaton, District Engineer  
Ken Lambrecht, Operations Manager  
Nancy Koch, Water Resources Manager  
Amanda Hoff, Water Resources  
Administrator  
Judy O'Malley, Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Bill Szmyd called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. followed by the recitation of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken. All Directors were present.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

President Szmyd opened the Public Comments period. There were no public comments, and the Public Comments period was closed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Director Brandenburg, seconded by Director Heiland, to approve the Consent Agenda, with a correction to two headers on the Income and Expense Summary Balance Sheet from “2021 YTD Actual” and “2021 YTD Budget” to “2022 YTD Actual” and “2022 YTD Budget”, including:

- Minutes of the January 13, 2022, Regular Board Meeting,
- Tap List 673,
- January 2022 Disbursements in the amount \$2,284,504.60:
  - **Operating Account: \$1,902,903.58:**
    - ACH Manual Check Numbers 3531 to 3592 – \$1,708,937.11,
    - Check Numbers 10542 to 10583 – \$193,966.47,
  - **Payroll Account: (Two Bi-weekly payroll periods in January) for \$381,601.02:**
    - ACH Transmittal Vouchers O-2117 to O-2128 – \$245,060.70,
    - ACH Direct Deposit Numbers N-11326 to N-11393 – \$136,540.32,
- January 2022 Financial Report,
- Rules and Regulations Updates to Section 3 – Water Taps,

Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Carter Lake Filter Plant (CLFP):

District Manager Amber Kauffman presented the following information to the Board:

- Canal Shutdown:
  - The week of January 24, 2022, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (Northern) shut down the St. Vrain Canal, which feeds CLFP.
  - The shutdown included a one-day shutdown for the high-pressure conduit and a three-day shutdown of the canal.
  - During the shutdown, it was determined that the high-pressure conduit had a “heavy leak” which will require repairs.

- The conduit will be taken out of service until April.
- The repairs should be completed before the high demand season, making the outage easier to manage.
- 7 Million Gallon (mg) Tank Project:
  - Is complete.
  - The final payment was made, after a payment dispute was resolved between subcontractors.
- Dry Creek:
  - Central Weld County Water District (CWCWD) District Manager Stan Linker, CLFP Manager Rick Whittet, and Ms. Kauffman were scheduled to meet February 4, 2022, to discuss taste and odor issues tied to Dry Creek Reservoir (the reservoir).
  - The meeting was postponed due to a family emergency.
  - During the canal shutdown water quality from the reservoir was reported.
    - Sulfate levels, total organic compounds (TOC), alkalinity, and hardness all continue to be high.
  - CLFP staff would like to run the reservoir pumps during the summer to get some level of annual turnover in the reservoir to aid in water quality.

Discussion ensued regarding taste and odor issues that arise from the use of supplemental water from the reservoir during canal shutdowns. The discussion topics included the reasons the reservoir water tastes different than water delivered directly to CLFP from the Northern canal, and ways to improve the taste. Ms. Kauffman advised the Board that one of the tasks outlined to Burns and McDonnell in their contract with CLP is to improve the taste of water coming from the reservoir. President Szymd suggested Board Members create a subcommittee to continue this discussion. The subcommittee was created and included Director Heiland and Director Martens.

- Pretreatment:
  - A meeting was to be held on January 20, 2022, to discuss the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) process, but was postponed until February 3, 2022, due to weather.
  - A progress meeting also occurred on February 3, 2022. Topics included:
    - Additional data requests.
    - Pilot testing.
    - The progress of the design.
    - Jar testing chemicals and schedule.
    - Operations impacts.
    - Key design dates.
    - Field investigations.
    - Risk log.
    - Budgeting.
  - Jar testing began the week of January 31, 2022, and was expected to continue into March.
  - Pilot testing was awaiting updated quotes for the plate settler system.
  - Key design dates are as follows:
    - 15% Concept Plan – February 15, 2022.
    - 30% Design – May 9, 2022.
    - 60% Design – July 20, 2022, CMAR under contract.
    - 90% Design – October 7, 2022.
    - 100% Design – November 14, 2022.

Mr. Szymd questioned if Mr. Whittet had hired a project manager and he was advised this had not happened yet.

- Capital Expenditures and Capital Replacement:
  - Over the past seven years CLFP has had to purchase quite a few replacement membranes and had to rebuild a few filters.
    - Each item has a useful life that is generally determined by the continuous use of that item (i.e., water production).
  - With the current financing arrangement with CWCWD, those costs are billed to the two Districts evenly regardless of water usage.
  - CWCWD has historically used 60% of the water produced by CLFP.
  - Up for discussion is whether the District Board feels that those expenses should be billed based on some level of historic usage or continue to be billed at the 50% capital expense level.

- Mr. Szmyd advised the Board that this discussion should be brought up at a CLFP Board Meeting.
  - Mr. Szmyd also noted it would be good for the CLFP Board to discuss what are consumable goods, as well as the topic of creating a fund for membrane replacement.

#### St. Vrain Water Authority (SVWA):

District Manager Kauffman presented the following information to the Board:

- The SVWA Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2022.
  - Topics anticipated for their Board included:
    - Draft Rules and Regulations.
    - Draft Purchasing Policy.
    - Construction progress report.
    - Request for Proposal (RFP) for Internet Technology (IT) services were sent to six firms.

Mr. Szmyd questioned if SVWA would be hosting a tour as the plant progresses. Ms. Kauffman advised the plant was expected to be operational by April, but that she would look into the option.

#### Windy Gap Firming Project (WGFP):

District Manager Kauffman presented the following information to the Board:

- Construction continued to progress on the WGFP.
- Colorado River Connectivity Channel (CRCC):
  - Northern requested an early construction package approval to get some critical items addressed prior to the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) permitting required by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and it is required public hearing.
  - The funding for the early works package would originate from funds already contributed by the Municipal Subdistrict of Northern.
- Chimney Hollow:
  - Construction on the main dam, saddle dam, coffer dam, saddle dam access road, the portal, and the bridge over the penstocks continued.
    - The coffer dam construction was nearly complete.
  - The project was generally 95% of expected schedule and costs for this time.
    - Early indications were that the project would be on schedule and budget.
    - The Saddle Dam Access Road was slightly behind schedule and box culvert deliveries continued to be a minor problem.
    - The project had experienced some delays due to COVID and an unanticipated archeological discovery.
      - ◇ Due to the numerous findings a full-time archeologist will be on site.
  - A lot of effort was going into exposing stable bedrock for the dam foundation.
    - Concrete placement was expected to start the following week.
    - On the downstream portal, rock was encountered higher than expected but construction was still moving forward.
  - Expected Construction Schedule:
    - Commission Cofferdam and 1<sup>st</sup> Concrete Plinth Placement: 2/4/2022.
    - Place Bridge Over Flatiron Penstocks: 2/9/2022.
    - Complete Portal and Begin Tunneling and Penstock Road Improvements: 2/18/2022.
    - Complete Fountain Form Test Grout: 2/28/2022.
    - Laydown Area 4 (L4) Complete and Permanent Crusher Established: 3/3/2022
    - Factory Acceptance Testing Valves (Germany): 3/24/2022.
    - Complete HAC Test Section: 8//16/2022.
- WGFP Enhancement Donor Fund Advisory Committee:
  - The Advisory Committee planned to meet on Friday, February 4, 2022, to discuss the path forward.

#### Strategic Planning Priorities:

Water Resource's Manager Nancy Koch presented the following information to the Board:

The 2018 Strategic Plan included priorities relating to raw water planning such as:

- Second Use water.
- Dry Creek Reservoir: expand/treatment/hydro/recreation.
- Limited water resources.
- Heavy competition for water.
- Windy Gap water opportunities.

- More storage.
- Dependence on the Colorado-Big Thompson (C-BT) project.

The Board had been considering updating the Strategic Plan with current priorities and/or goals. For background information to help guide discussions Ms. Koch, along with Water Resources Administrator Amanda Hoff, provided two presentations to describe how Northern collects and distributes C-BT water and how Windy Gap water is used in the District water system to generate second use water.

To facilitate discussions on raw water purchases staff developed a matrix to compare price, availability, requirements, and pros and cons of various raw water sources the District can purchase or accept for water dedication.

Discussion followed regarding the types of water supplies the District has, the seniority level of the water rights, storage options, and necessary infrastructure to deliver the water supplies.

Little Thompson Water District, Longs Peak Water District (LPWD), Mead Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA):

District Manager Kauffman presented the following to the Board:

The First Amendment to IGA Regarding Water Service and Boundaries Between the Town of Mead, LPWD, and the District was written to address a change in service area preempted by service to the Waterfront development. That development will be required to relocate the District's interconnect (wholesale meter) to LPWD. As proposed, the new location will make it nearly impossible for LPWD to continue servicing the properties known as Mead Crossin. Therefore, the District will be taking over service to the lots. The Mead Crossing development currently has only one customer for LPWD, which is the existing U-Haul facility. However, Quick Trips purchased the remaining lots in the development and is proposing a new building in the development.

LPWD will transfer the water that was dedicated for that development to the District for service should this IGA be approved by all parties and after the Waterfront subdivision relocates the interconnect. The District will also inherit the infrastructure in the subdivision when those criteria are met.

LPWD Board of Directors approved the amendment on January 20, 2022. The Town of Mead's Board of Trustees approved the amendment on January 31, 2022.

Discussion followed regarding the water credit assignments for the water that had been dedicated, and the number of new taps that will be allowed in the subdivision. There was also discussion regarding the condition of the infrastructure as Director Steven Brandenburg had concerns that infrastructure would need upgrades similar to service lines the District had acquired from a recent tap exchange project. Ms. Kauffman advised the Board that the District was aware of the situation for the previous project and had received 20 acre-foot (AF) of return flow obligations in exchange for the upgrades, as well as the fact that the Mead Crossing infrastructure was newer than that from the other tap swap project and likely in acceptable condition.

**It was moved by Director Martens, seconded by Director Walker, to approve the First Amendment to IGA Regarding Water Service and Boundaries Between the Town of Mead, Longs Peak Water District, and Little Thompson Water District. Motion carried unanimously.**

Board Officer Elections:

District Manager Kauffman presented the following information to the Board:

The District is required to submit a Transparency Notice and note any updates to the officers of the Board, to the State by January 15 annually and subsequently if the officers change. Ms. Kauffman was questioned if the Officer Elections should be held after the May 3, 2022, Regular Board of Directors Election. Ms. Kauffman reiterated the Transparency Notice needs to be updated and resubmitted if there are any changes to officer positions for any reason throughout the year. The current officer positions and delegates to other boards include the following:

- President: Bill Szmyd
- Vice President: Steven Brandenburg
- Treasurer: Larry Brandt
- Secretary: Amber Kauffman
- Carter Lake Filter Plant Delegates: Ed Martens, Steven Brandenburg, Emily McMurtrey
- St. Vrain Water Authority Delegate: Larry Brandt

Ms. Kauffman requested the Board consider changes to current positions, in particular to replace Mr. Szmyd as Board President prior to the May meeting to provide an overlap for transition of the position.

Mr. Szmyd opened the nominations for Board Officer Elections.

**It was moved by Director Ed Martens, seconded by Director Larry Brandt, to nominate Director Brandenburg as President. Mr. Brandenburg accepted the nomination. It was moved by President Szmyd, seconded by Director Jim Walker, to nominate Director Emily McMurtrey as President. Ms. McMurtrey accepted the nomination. Director McMurtrey received four aye votes and Director Brandenburg received one aye vote. The Motion passed to elect Director McMurtrey as Board President by majority vote, with three directors abstaining from the vote. The Motion failed to elect Director Brandenburg as Board President by minority vote, with six directors abstaining from the vote.**

**It was moved by President Szmyd, seconded by Director McMurtrey, to elect Director Brandenburg as Vice President. Mr. Brandenburg accepted the nomination. Director Brandenburg abstained from the voting. Motion carried by six aye votes.**

**It was moved by Director Martens, seconded by Director Walker, to elect Director Brandt as Treasurer. Mr. Brandt accepted the nomination. Director Brandt abstained from the voting. Motion carried by six ayes.**

**It was moved by President Szmyd, seconded by Director Martens, to elect District Manager Kauffman as Secretary. Ms. Kauffman accepted the nomination. Motion carried unanimously.**

**It was moved by President Szmyd, seconded by Director Walker, to appoint Director Martens to the CLFP Board. Mr. Martens accepted the appointment. Mr. Martens abstained from the voting. Motion carried by six ayes.**

**It was moved by President Szmyd, seconded by Director Walker, to appoint Director Brandenburg to the CLFP Board. Mr. Brandenburg accepted the appointment. Mr. Brandenburg abstained from the voting. Motion carried by six ayes.**

**It was moved by Director McMurtrey, seconded by Director Walker, to appoint Director Heiland to the CLFP Board. Mr. Heiland accepted the appointment. Mr. Heiland abstained from the voting. Motion carried by six ayes.**

**It was moved by Director Walker, seconded by Director McMurtrey, to appoint Director Brandt to the SVWA Board. Mr. Brandt accepted the appointment. It was moved by Director Heiland, seconded by Director Martens, to appoint Director Walker to the SVWA Board. Mr. Walker accepted the appointment. Director Walker received three aye votes and Director Brandt received two aye votes. The Motion passed to appoint Director Walker to the SVWA Board by majority vote, with four directors abstaining from the vote. The Motion failed to appoint Director Brandt to the SVWA Board by minority vote, with five directors abstaining from the vote.**

At 7:15 p.m. President Szmyd called for a break. The meeting resumed at 7:23 p.m.

#### Audit 2021:

Business Manager Angela Diekhoff presented the following information to the Board:

At the November 11, 2021, Regular Board Meeting the District Board Members failed a motion to approve the Audit Engagement Proposal for Calendar year 2021 from BDO. As of February 3, 2022, the District had only received one additional quote from Anderson & Whitney Professional Corporation (PC) to perform the 2021 Calendar Year Audit. Ms. Diekhoff advised the Board that the new quote was only slightly less than the original quote from BDO and that BDO would be able to begin the Audit at an earlier date. Ms. Diekhoff requested the Board choose which Audit Proposal the District should engage.

**It was moved by Director Martens, seconded by Director Walker, to accept the BDO Audit Engagement Proposal for Calendar Year 2021, and to have Ms. Diekhoff to pursue quotes for the 2022 Calendar Year. Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Hearing: Action Item: Resolutions 2022-7, 2022-8, and 2022-9 Inclusions/Exclusions:

President Szmyd opened the Public Hearing. There were no public comments, and the Public Hearing was closed.

**It was moved by Director McMurtrey, seconded by Director Heiland, to adopt Resolution 2022-7 Inclusions (Castillo/Sterling, Crowell, Eubanks/Parkhurst, Hunter, Mueller, OCON Group, Ramirez/Lopez, Stockover), Resolution 2022-8 Inclusions (Jacox, Urban), and Resolution 2022-9 Exclusions (Lot Holding Investments/Bret Hall/John Hall, Platte Land & Water). Motion carried unanimously.**

District Election and Ballot:

District Manager Kauffman presented the following information to the Board:

During the May 2020 election, District electors were asked to extend the board term limits from two consecutive terms to four consecutive terms. The ballot initiative was defeated by a tied vote. Based on the Colorado Constitution, changes to or removal of board term limits require a vote of the District electors. If the Board would like the voters to again consider this option the Board would need to pass a resolution to include the question on the ballot.

**It was moved by Director Martens, seconded by Director Brandenburg, to adopt Resolution 2022-10 to add a ballot question in the May 3, 2022, election asking District voters to extend term limits from two full terms to four full terms. Motion carried unanimously.**

Also discussed was an update to the state statute that was updated by the legislature in 2021, effective September 7, 2021, that allows for the change of Ward boundaries. The Colorado Revised Statutes Title 32 governing Special Districts, § 32-1-902.7, outlines that a board may adopt a resolution to divide the district into director districts, and the rules to be followed in creating and representing the wards. The original statute did not address what a board would need to do to eliminate wards, but the 2021 update includes verbiage that if after a reasonable amount of time a board determines that it is in the best interest of the district to eliminate the wards it may be accomplished by adopting a resolution. The Board Members were not interested in eliminating Ward boundaries within the District.

**STAFF REPORTS**

District Manager's Report: District Manager Kauffman reported on the following:

- East Interstate 25 (I-25) Plant:
  - CWCWD District Manager Linker and Ms. Kauffman met with property owners of the potential site for the East I-25 treatment plant on December 21 which resulted in better progress and communication on path forward.
  - After the meeting Mr. Linker and Ms. Kauffman asked the transaction broker to provide an updated and more formal market analysis and complete a title commitment.
  - The market analysis was sent to the property owners on January 31.
- Meeting with the Town of Johnstown (Johnstown):
  - Ms. Kauffman met with Matt LeCerf, town administrator for Johnstown, on January 25.
  - A good conversation was had on updating the IGA that will expire in 2022.
  - Topics included service boundaries, participation in the East I-25 plant, water court cases, and development.
    - An updated layout of service boundaries will assist the District in planning necessary upgrades to the system in areas that border Johnstown.

Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of including a third partner in a new water treatment plant.

- Meeting with the City of Loveland (Loveland):
  - Ms. Kauffman met with Kevin Gertig, the new Water and Power director for Loveland on January 19.
  - Topics included regional cooperation, interconnects, and regional issues.
  - Mr. Gertig also provided an introduction to a Northern Colorado Regional Water StratOp Subcommittee organized by the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado.
- Regional Cooperation:
  - A meeting was held on December 22, 2021, with representatives from the Town of Berthoud (Berthoud), Johnstown, Loveland, and the District to discuss water resources topics and partnering on return flow obligations.
  - The next meeting was scheduled for February 17.

- Colorado State University (CSU) Class:
  - Ms. Kathie Troudt Riley PC, requested Ms. Kauffman give a presentation to Ms. Riley’s class on March 24.
    - The presentation will cover water transfers and how water utilities obtain water for service to customers.
    - Topics will include:
      - ◇ Developers dedicating water.
      - ◇ Being a shareholder in a ditch company.
      - ◇ Costs in purchasing water.
      - ◇ When water court is required.
- Other:
  - Ms. Kauffman provided the Board with information regarding a tap sale moratorium in the Town of Severance (Severance). Details of the situation included:
    - The moratorium was issued due to the restriction issued by Severance’s water provider, North Weld County Water District (NWCWD), on January 18, 2022.
    - NWCWD had been in a long-term capital project to increase transmission from their water treatment plant, Soldier Canyon Water Treatment Plant, to their service area.
    - This pipeline was a joint project with Eastern Larimer County Water District (ELCO).
    - The piece that NWCWD needed encountered issues tied to permitting for the water transmission line through Larimer County, called the 1041 process.
    - Larimer County was revising their process when the water transmission line started the permitting process.
    - On February 1 NWCWD issued a statement to their agricultural business owners that “NWCWD will be placing flow control devices on water meters to ensure that district supply is not being used to supplement demand beyond customers’ allocations. We understand that this shift in water availability may present a challenge for customers and NWCWD is willing to assist you in identifying new water allocations and potential alternatives for supply or infrastructure. However, we strongly recommend that customers hire professional services to navigate this challenge.”
    - Many of those customers rely on NWCWD’s surplus water supply and there is concern for issues on the Colorado River and the consistent drought that NWCWD may not be able to deliver that surplus water.
    - Ms. Kauffman found the issuance of these notices in line with some issues of the District due to increasing usage by dairies and the path forward to deal with ensuring the secure water supply for customers.

Business Manager’s Report: Business Manager Diekhoff reported on the following:

- Upcoming Elections:
  - The District had received Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms for the four seats up for election:
    - One application for Ward 1.
    - Two applications for Ward 2.
    - Two applications for Ward 3.
    - Two applications for Ward 7.
  - Ms. Diekhoff reviewed some of the Election Compliance rules:
    - The Fair Campaign Act contribution or make expenditures candidates are allowed before having file a disclosure report with the Secretary of State (SOS),
    - The District cannot spend any money or resources on promoting candidates or ballot measures. This includes using the District website, links to campaign websites, newsletters with candidate information, etc.
- EyeOnWater Users:
  - There were 27 new users since the January 13 Board Meeting.
  - There were a total of 779 users out of the 1,158 user goal for 2022.
  - A postcard campaign was planned for April to feature water conservation and EyeOnWater.

District Engineer’s Report: District Engineer Brad Eaton reported on the following:

- There were two Tap Commitment Requests in January.
- Capital Projects:
  - The table was updated to reflect 2022 projects.
  - Pipe installation had begun on the west end of the West 1<sup>st</sup> Street (St.) project.

- The preliminary alignment design for the Northeast Transmission Line had been received and was in review.
- The Loveland/Campion Conversion Project survey work had been completed and a preliminary design was being reviewed.
- Staff were devising a new way to determine budgets for lines affected by county road improvements as these arise as the counties develop their projects.
- The Dry Creek Reservoir floating photovoltaic feasibility study was added to the Capital Projects table.
- A study to evaluate managing Non-Potable Irrigation systems had been moved to 2022.
- Recent efforts in the Raw Water Infrastructure System project involved land ownership verification for the property between Lone Tree and Welsh reservoirs, the site Staff are considering for placement of the pumping station.
- Development Projects:
  - Several new developments are moving into the construction phase.
  - A Home Depot distribution center is in the works near the Fed-Ex facility.
- Other Engineering and Geographic Information System (GIS) Activities:
  - There were numerous review and response referrals from other agencies.
  - Some portions of the Twin Mounds 5 mg Tank project will need to be approved by the state of Colorado.
  - The West I-25 24" Transmission Line project property acquisition and easement offers were in progress.
  - Staff were engaged in various Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) activities near District infrastructure along I-25.
  - The CDOT repairs to the 42-inch Air Release Valve (ARV) gaskets were expected in early March.
  - Work continued with GIS system enhancements including integration with new water modeling software.

Water Resources Manager's Report: Water Resources Manager Nancy Koch reported on the following:

- January water usage demands were below projections.
- Available District water sources were from the Northern 50% quota and the carryover water that had just become available.
  - Available water was just matching demands.
- Dry Creek Reservoir had seen a small amount of evaporation.
- Water Court:
  - Ms. Koch reviewed the status of the Consolidated Home Supply and Barefoot Lakes Water Court cases.
  - Ms. Koch advised that the Handy Ditch Company have adopted some Catlin by-laws that will make change cases more difficult.
  - The District may consider pausing the acceptance of Handy Ditch shares until change cases can proceed.
- Ms. Koch advised the snowpack on the West Slope has improved.
  - The East Slope winter outlook remained warm and dry.

Operations Manager's Report and Water Quality Update: Operations Manager Ken Lambrecht reported on the following:

- Locate requests and leak repairs had been normal for the month of January.
  - Mr. Lambrecht had adjusted the five (5) year average as the new normal average had been increasing.
- All monthly Coliform were within acceptable parameters. The next Lead and Copper sampling period would be late spring of 2022. The next Disinfection Byproduct (DBP) 2 Sampling period would be the end of February.
- City of Loveland (Loveland) Tap Exchange Project:
  - Work was completed and Staff were working to close out the CDOT permit.
- The Valve Exerciser project increased to 72% completed.

There was discussion regarding the upcoming Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 5<sup>th</sup> Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR5). The additional sampling for contaminants will include 29 per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and lithium. Labs are currently preparing for approval by the EPA. The District will engage a lab once EPA approvals have been established. Sampling will occur during a 12-month period from January 2023 through December 2025.



Additional discussion involved the new rules for water providers to keep a database of not only materials used in the delivery systems, but also materials used at each customer location from the meter pit to the building.

### **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Director McMurtrey noted that she was surprised the District office had not received calls regarding the change to the taste of the District water during the Northern canal shutdown but added that she realized there had been a lot of comments on Facebook. Ms. McMurtrey also thanked the Board Members for electing her to the Board officer position of President.

Director Heiland advised the Board that he had heard that several constituents were not happy that a new gas station chain was planning to build a large facility at Highway 66 and I-25. The constituents believed the property was within the District boundaries. Staff advised that the property had been annexed into Johnstown.

As Director Martens and President Szmyd were about to go ice fishing, Mr. Martens advised the Board that he had read an article stating that the mayor of a town in Ohio felt that ice fishing would lead to criminal activity.

President Szmyd requested a Board Member volunteer to create a Board directive on how the District will manage water over-use by dairies. Director McMurtrey volunteered to write the proposed policy to bring to the other Board Members for approval. Ms. Kauffman noted that she had received advice from legal counsel stating that whatever rules are applied to one customer must be applied to all customers with the same size meter and water allotment.

President Szmyd questioned if Staff had been able to purchase additional shares of Windy Gap water. Ms. Kauffman advised that there is an interested party to front the purchase, however, water shares were not yet available on the market.

The meeting was adjourned by President Szmyd at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Amber Kauffman*