

**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 15, 2024. Attendance was as follows:

Board of Directors:

Emily McMurtrey, President, Present
Steven Brandenburg, Present
Larry Brandt, Present
Ryan Heiland, Present – *Attended Via Zoom*
Ed Martens, Present
Bill Szmyd, Present
James J. Walker, Present

Staff in Attendance:

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

Other Attendees:

Anastasia Urban, Brookfield Properties
Cameron Grant, Attorney of Lyons Gaddis P.C. for Brookfield Properties

CALL TO ORDER

President Emily McMurtrey called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. followed by the recitation of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. All Directors were present.

AGENDA REVIEW

It was move by Director Ed Martens, seconded by Director Jim Walker, to enter into Executive Session citing Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) §24-6-404(4) subpart (e) to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, or to develop strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators in the matter of the Barefoot Second Amended and Restated Agreement for Water Extensions. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no other changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

President McMurtrey opened the Public Comments period. There being no public comments, the Public Comments period was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Director Bill Szmyd, seconded by Director Steve Brandenburg, to approve the Consent Agenda, including:

- **Minutes of the January 18, 2024, Regular Board Meeting,**
 - **Tap List 697,**
 - **January 2024 Disbursements in the amount \$3,907,232.49:**
 - ❖ **Operating Account: \$3,419,918.64:**
 - **ACH Manual Check Numbers 5166 to 5234 – \$2,205,850.18,**
 - **Check Numbers 11687 to 11728 – \$1,214,068.46,**
 - ❖ **Payroll Account: (Three Bi-weekly payroll periods in January) for \$487,313.85:**
 - **ACH Transmittal Vouchers O-2425 to O-2442 – \$243,824.83,**
 - **ACH Direct Deposit Numbers N-13255 to N-13367 – \$243,489.02,**
 - **January 2024 Financial Report,**
- Motion carried unanimously.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Barefoot Agreement:

District Manager Amber Kauffman, along with Brookfield Properties Project Manager Anastasia Urban, and Cameron Grant, Attorney, presented the following information to the Board:

- District Staff and representatives of Barefoot, LLC (Brookfield Properties) worked through revisions to the Second Amended and Restated Agreement for Water Extensions for most of 2023.

- ❖ A significant point of discussion for revisions to the Agreement centered around the sizing of the West Interstate-25 (I-25) Transmission Line and the costs associated with oversizing from an 18-inch to 24-inch transmission line, and now from a 24-inch to 30-inch transmission line.
- Barefoot agreed to most of the terms the District requested. Following are the two items that needed further discussion:
 - ❖ Section 3.2 of the agreement states if the repayment period lasts past 10 years that the interest rate paid to Barefoot would adjust to the higher of either six percent or prime plus 2 percent.
 - There is no penalty for prepayment.
 - The District at any time could borrow the money or use other capital dollars to pay off the obligation.
 - Under the presented agreement, the interest would begin accumulating when Exhibit C (Oversizing Cost Confirmation document) was approved.
 - ◇ Once Exhibit C is approved Barefoot would start sending monthly statements to the District.
 - ◇ This exhibit will detail the oversizing costs that the District is responsible for.
 - ◇ The first payment for said oversizing costs and interest would not start until the first phase of the project was completed for substantial completion.
 - ◇ From that point forward, the District would make monthly payments based on the dollars recouped from tap sales.
 - ❖ Section 4.5 of the agreement discusses water credit the District has given to Barefoot for the water that has been dedicated.
 - Barefoot requested the raw water dedication be standardized for taps sold in Barefoot for the remainder of the development build-out based on District assigned water dedication requirements as of 2024.

Discussion occurred throughout the presentation with topics including the difference between a Master Planned Community and a Town, other than a school and a fire station if there will be any other commercial use within the development. The main part of the discussion was held during Executive Session CRS §24-6-404(4) subpart (e) to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, or to develop strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators in the matter of the Barefoot Second Amended and Restated Agreement for Water Extensions.

The Board, along with the required Staff, entered into Executive Session at 5:36 p.m. The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:08 p.m.

President McMurtrey called for a break at 6:08 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:15 p.m.

It was moved by Director Martens, seconded by Director Walker, to approve the current agreement with the already included amendment to section 3.2 changing the interest rate to 6 percent or Prime plus 2 percent whichever is higher, and in section 4.5 locking in a standard water dedication based on current dedication amounts for existing tap sizes. Motion passed with six aye votes, and one nay vote.

Water Efficiency Presentation (New Water Supplies):

Water Resources Manager Amanda Hoff presented the following information to the Board:

- Over the course of 2024 five topics on new water supplies will be presented to the Board.
- The first topic, Water Efficiency, as defined by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) "Minimum water used to accomplish a function, task or result."
 - ❖ Ms. Hoff had requested the Board's input on what Water Efficiency would look like to them.
 - In the District's case Water Efficiency could be for drought protection, potential for water shortage emergencies, customers living within their allotments (not balancing out the Overusers), education around water being a finite resource, and preserving a resource for current and future generations.
 - Ms. Hoff determined the Board was focused on the following:
 - ◇ Water loss from the District's system.
 - Total water delivered versus total water treated at Carter Lake Filter Plant (CLFP).
 - ◇ Assigning outdoor water use for Tap holders.
 - ◇ Wise use of Staff time, water resources, and reusing water when possible.
 - Ms. Hoff received a very good example of someone who plows and pushes the snow up against the trees so it can be used to water the trees and could be a water source for the elk roaming in their driveway.

- ❖ Why the District should upgrade the Water efficiency program now:
 - The State of Colorado (Colorado) is encouraging conserving, developing, protecting, and managing water for present and future generations.
 - ◇ Mandates may be possible in the future.
 - Colorado River supplies are still physically and legally at risk, and demands are rising.
 - Being proactive will help establish efficiency goals and programs that work for the District.
- ❖ Ms. Hoff requested the Board's feedback on program options. Ms. Hoff gave each option a qualitative ranking based on Cost of Program, Staff Time, Resources, and Water Conserved.
 - Overusers – more changes to the Rules and Regulations to bring all customers into allotment compliance.
 - Develop Metrics to measure the success of each program.
 - ◇ Metrics take time to establish, so the earlier Staff start on this the better.
 - ◇ Metrics would give Staff better data to inform them of what is actually being lost or saved in the system.
 - The Water Efficiency Plan Update is due next year.
 - ◇ Hiring a consultant, like the City of Loveland (Loveland) did, to help define reachable metrics in the Water Efficiency Plan and measurement of these metrics.
 - ◇ Loveland's consultant is developing a plug and play spreadsheet on water efficiency metrics to help track and measure so the results can be seen.
 - A subcategory of metrics would be a Water Loss Program.
 - ◇ Staff must have a better understanding of the District's system and the losses to have trackable data.
 - ◇ Staff could use the Water System Master Plan to assist with leak detection pilot program.
 - ◇ Seek CWCB funding and technical assistance.
 - Ms. Hoff spoke with a woman at the Water Loss conference about getting a systemwide audit to prorate based on Central Weld County Water District's (CWCWD) data and the District's data.
 - System sub-meter vault at I-25 and Weld County Road (WCR) 38.
 - Enhance current programs and introduce new ones.
 - ◇ Education and outreach.
 - ◇ Commercial / Industrial audits.
 - The City of Greeley (Greeley) found working with commercial / industrial customers face-to-face was the best way to get them to engage like how District Manager Kauffman worked with Aurora Organic Dairy (AOD)
 - Use WildRock to directly target commercial customers on their water use.
 - Talk to other entities like North Weld County Water District (NWCWD) who are working to decrease water use at dairies who have not dedicated additional water.
 - ◇ Eye On Water (EOW).
 - Continue aggressive marketing to encourage account sign-ups.
 - ◇ Current Programs and giveaways.
 - Continue aggressive marketing to notify customers of programs and incentives.
 - Follow-up with customers using Resource Central programs.
 - Reach out to landscapers to see if they would be interested in helping with sprinkler clocks assistance for customers who sign up for the Slow the Flow program.
 - ◇ Collaboration with Land Use authorities.
 - Have templates from Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (Northern) and Plant select designs.
 - Partner with Northern and the Town of Mead (Mead) to work on getting water use data and scheduling a meeting with Mead to discuss irrigation taps.
 - Set up customers for success right from the beginning to reduce future over-users.
 - ◇ Have the District lead by example.
 - Update the landscaping and irrigation around the District property.
 - ◆ Northern will match 50 percent of the \$50,000 cost for the landscaping project and architecture.
 - Outreach and education would include Staff attending community events and Homeowners' Association (HOA) meetings.
 - ◆ The Board may consider creating a sub-committee to assist with the outreach.
 - ◇ Hire designated Water Efficiency Staff to implement the programs.
 - Hiring consultants to take some of this work off staff would be another option.

- It would move the water efficiency projects along faster.
- The District would need to find someone who can do a lot of technical work such as water loss and tracking metrics.
- ❖ Water Resources recommendations:
 - Over-users:
 - ◇ More policy to give Staff stronger support to curb overuse.
 - Water Conservation Specialist Holly Suess has started on examples for updated policy.
 - Metrics:
 - ◇ Begin compiling data now so Staff have good data, a good implementation plan, and can improve the District based off this information.
 - District Lead by Example:
 - ◇ Board funding of the landscaping upgrade around the District property and Staff would apply for a grant that would be good for up to three years.
 - Collaboration with Land Use authorities:
 - ◇ Ms. Kauffman arranged a meeting with Weld County planners so both groups would have a good understanding of what they each do.
 - ◇ Working on irrigation taps with Mead and then potentially partnering with Mead and Northern to convert some of the larger turf areas.
 - Water Resources Administrator Garrett Dickson has been working on this plan.
 - Hire a Water Efficiency Specialist:
 - ◇ This will assist the District in enhancing current programs, such as follow up to make sure customers who reached out to Resource Central are still following or paying attention to the Slow their Flow plan.
 - ◇ Expand water loss pilot project.
 - ◇ Move other projects along like working with land use authorities.

Discussion occurred throughout the presentation with Board members asking questions and giving feedback on the different options.

CLFP:

District Manager Kauffman presented the following information to the Board:

- The need for a better connection from the Dry Creek Reservoir (Dry Creek) pumps to CLFP was discussed.
 - ❖ There is a short delay in the system when the controls at CLFP for the pumps are turned on, however, this delay is causing an issue.
- Ms. Kauffman believed the 1-million-gallon (MG) pump was scheduled to be installed so it would be ready for use in the spring of 2024.
- The reservoir management company will be using their own boat to apply taste and odor treatment to Dry Creek Reservoir.
- The CLFP Board received a Pretreatment Project update from Josh Cook, P.E. of NoCo Engineering.
 - ❖ Mr. Cook supplied the CLFP Board with a project timeline.
 - ❖ A change order of \$77,000 was submitted for a concrete wall for the Pretreatment plant, which CLFP Manager Rick Whittet approved.
 - This was a budgeted item, but a change to the contract.
- Discussion was held regarding plant capacity versus regional growth.
 - ❖ CLFP saw a three percent increase in water production in January 2024 over January 2023.
 - At the District Board Meeting it was suggested District Staff discuss odd and even watering schedule days with CWCWD Staff.
 - ❖ Director Brandenburg advised that the removal of the Upflow Clarifiers did not work so CLFP could not pick up additional capacity by that means.
 - ❖ Ms. Kauffman noted that another conversation centered on adding the new filters and bringing them online first.
 - This would not work as there are different issues, including delivering chemicals to them.
- Director Brandenburg advised that at the January CLFP Board Meeting someone had questioned if the board president of either district is eligible to be the board president at the plant.
 - ❖ CLFP Manager Rick Whittet discovered a CLFP Resolution from 2004 that stated it is not allowed.
- Director Larry Brandt questioned if CWCWD was still on track to build their own treatment plant east of I-25.

- ❖ Ms. Kauffman advised the plant is still being planned and that CWCWD would like the District to be one of their customers.

St. Vrain Water Authority (SVWA):

District Manager Kauffman presented the following information to the Board:

- The need for a reserve policy was discussed.
 - ❖ The Town of Firestone (Firestone) provided an example policy for SVWA.
 - ❖ The SVWA Board also discussed the need for Capital Replacement funding, and having SVWA use asset management software.
- The SVWA plant was currently producing approximately 65,000 gallons of water per day.
- SVWA has requested Information Technology (IT) assistance from Firestone.
- The Calcite Contactor froze up during the recent cold snap and the plant had to use space heaters.
- Ms. Kauffman advised that Firestone had made payments to approximately 30 of the 50 subcontractors who had not been paid by the contractor of the plant.

Lead and Copper Budget Authorization:

Operations Manager Ken Lambrecht presented the following information to the Board:

- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) on January 15, 2021, which include significant changes to the current Lead and Copper Rule (LCR), that has been in effect since 1991.
 - ❖ LCRR compliance is required by October 16, 2024.
- Since 2021, the District has been awaiting the final requirements and guidance from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) which remained pending at the time of the District's 2024 budget review.
 - ❖ On September 7, 2023, CDPHE published a guidance document (DW018) to help water systems develop their Initial Service Line Inventory (LSL) by the October 16, 2024, deadline.
- The lead service line inventory is only one aspect of the changes in the LCRR.
 - ❖ As directed by the Board, the initial estimate of \$350,000 for Phase a of conducting the inventory was removed from the 2024 budget with the intent to bring this item back for consideration once State requirements were finalized and a deadline for compliance was confirmed.
 - ❖ Staff have met with several consultants to discuss proposals for completing Phase 1 of the LSL Inventory.
 - This includes material verification of the service line from the water main to the meter (public) and from the meter to the house (private).
 - ❖ Colorado banned the use of lead on January 31, 1988, and service connections after this date can be considered as "non-lead".
 - ❖ Per the guidance document from CDPHE, service lines installed from 1960 to 1988 can be considered "non-lead" if the District has reviewed available records and there is no evidence indicating the presence of lead service lines and / or goosenecks installed after 1959.
 - Suppliers without historical records must review maintenance and / or repair records and anecdotal evidence from staff or local plumbers if available to demonstrate that there is no evidence of lead service lines and / or goosenecks installed after 1959.
 - ❖ The District has engaged IMEG, a geographic information system (GIS) consultant, to review property data from all three counties and to identify buildings that were constructed prior to 1960.
 - The list of buildings constructed prior to 1960 will be used as the sampling pool for verification as these service lines are considered "unknown".
 - ❖ The guidance document has established a Minimum Service Line Material Verification Process (MSMLV) that requires a number of random service lines to be visually verified based on the number of "unknowns."
 - The required number of uniformly random locations ranges between 306 to 384.
 - CDPHE recommends identifying more sites than the required minimum in case conditions or customers prevent the District from being able to verify.
 - ❖ A visual inspection must be performed on the service line pipe (i.e., not the connector).
 - ❖ A minimum of two locations along the service line must be inspected, regardless of single or split ownership between the supplier and the customer.
 - ❖ Based on estimates provided by two consultants, the average cost for potholing and restoration will be \$1,600 per location.
 - Mr. Lambrecht also requested a 10 percent contingency to make repairs to service lines that may be damaged during the verification process.

- ❖ The estimated total costs for Phase 1 are expected to be \$825,00 per the below breakdown:
 - Identify service lines constructed prior to 1960 \$ 1,000,
 - Two Potholes at 345 sites times \$800 each pothole equals \$552,000,
 - Traffic Control \$1,400 per day for 115 days equals \$161,000,
 - Project Management, Customer Outreach, mailings, etc. equals \$ 40,000,
 - Contingency for repair / replacement of private services equals \$ 71,000.
- ❖ If no LSLs are found during the MSLMV, and there is no record or knowledge of LSLs or LSL replacements, The District may classify all unknowns as non-lead based on the information obtained from the MSLMV process and complete the Non-Lead Service Line Inventory Form.
- ❖ If LSLs or galvanized requiring replacement (GRR) services are found through the MSLMV process, then all sites within the service area with similar attributes shall be categorized as “unknown” until they can be physically verified.
- Phase 2 (not included in this request) will be initiated if lead or galvanized service lines are found, the scope of work will have to be expanded to investigate additional service lines with similar attributes.
- The District may have to develop and implement a Lead Service Line Replacement Program to find and replace all lead and galvanized service lines within 10 years.
- Annual Updates:
 - ❖ The “Suppliers are expected to continue their service line investigations after the initial inventory is submitted to continue classifying the material type of all service lines until there are no unknowns. If a supplier has submitted an initial inventory with unknown service lines, the supplier must submit an updated lead service line inventory no later than 30 days after each lead and copper tap sampling monitoring period, but no more frequently than annually (11.17(8)(d)(ii), Regulation 11).”

Following discussion, **it was moved by President McMurtrey, seconded by Director Martens, to approve the Budget request not to exceed \$825,000 for the purpose of completing the Lead Service Line Inventory project. Motion passed with five aye votes, and two nay votes.**

President McMurtrey called for a break at 7:56 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:04 p.m.

Public Hearing: Action Item: Resolutions 2024-04 Inclusions and 2024-05 Exclusions:
 President McMurtrey opened the Public Hearing. There were no public comments, and the Public Hearing was closed.

It was moved by Director Szmyd, seconded by Director Brandt, to adopt Resolution 2024-04 Inclusions (Johnson, Meek, Ward Trust) and Resolution 2024-05 Exclusions (Eagle Wendy’s, Impact Development Builders). Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

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

- District Activities:
 - ❖ District Manager Kauffman presented a summary of the Northern tour of the Colorado River Basin in Arizona, February 6 to 9, 2024.

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

- EOW:
 - ❖ District customers signing up for new EOW accounts continued to increase slightly.
 - ❖ Director Szmyd questioned Operations Manager Lambrecht about having alerts sent to customers if their water usage puts them at a higher tier rate.
 - Mr. Lambrecht advised an alert for going over the allotment is in development.

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

- District Engineer Eaton advised the Board of the new format for the monthly report, noting that changes month over month will be highlighted in yellow.
- There were nine new tap and one Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Commitment to Serve Requests for January. The 2024 total was nine taps and one ADU.
- Capital Projects:
 - ❖ The Loveland / Campion project continued to progress well despite challenges.
 - ❖ The assessment project of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) improvements was completed.
 - Two sites had been converted from obsolete radios to new radios.

- Staff will be evaluating the new network before proceeding with any future upgrades.
- ❖ Aerial surveying of the Raw Water Infrastructure pipeline routes had been completed.
 - Field data compilation was in progress and the alignment evaluation was to begin in February.
- ❖ Proposals were being solicited from consultants for the 2nd Use Infrastructure Study.
- ❖ The vault relocation design for 3rd and Welker required modifications by Mead Staff.
 - Bid documents were on hold.
- ❖ Staff were seeking interest from consultants on the Buckhorn Tank Mixing System Study
- ❖ Staff were researching other qualified vendors for the Twin Mounds Passive Mixing System.
- ❖ Staff were waiting for an updated proposal from the vendor on the Twin Mounds Exterior Cathodic Protection System.
- ❖ Staff were researching equipment price and availability for security lighting and cameras at tank sites.
- ❖ Quotes were being obtained for a new storage building at Dry Creek and demolition of the existing building.
 - This will be a Joint Expense with CWCWD, and the District's portion is expected to be approximately \$61,000.
- ❖ Quotes were being obtained for replacement boat, motor, and trailer to be used for water sampling at Dry Creek.
 - This will be a Joint Expense with CWCWD and the District' portion is expected to be approximately \$7,500.
- ❖ Coordination attempts with the railroad, regarding the Botterill / District modifications, continue with limited success.
- Development Projects:
 - ❖ Barefoot Lakes Filing 7 was in design.
 - ❖ Final acceptance of Horizon Hills Offsite was pending.
 - ❖ The Quik-Trip final acceptance had been issued and the facility was open.
- Other Engineering Department Activities:
 - ❖ Little Thompson Water District Engineering Technician I, Clayton Orback, had achieved Colorado Engineering Intern status and was promoted to Civil Engineer I.
 - ❖ Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Segment 5 I-25 Improvement Project (Highway 66 to Highway 56) continued.
 - Staff were evaluating options to minimize impact to the District's water system infrastructure.

Water Resources Manager's Report: Water Resources Manager Hoff reported on the following:

- Water Resources Manager Hoff changed the Monthly Water Use graph to reflect the average minimum water use, average maximum water use, and average monthly water use from 2015 through 2024, along with the actual water use by month and predicted water use by month for 2024.
 - ❖ This change was initiated by a suggestion from District Engineer Eaton to make the graph easier to read and understand.
 - ❖ January water use had been much lower than predicted but was in line with the average February from 2015 through 2024.
- Ms. Hoff advised the invoice for carryover water had been paid and the increase was reflected in the Cumulative Water Use graph.
 - ❖ Director Brandenburg questioned if Northern will announce additional quota. Ms. Hoff advised Staff will not know until April 2024.
- Ms. Hoff reviewed the current U.S. Drought Monitor for Colorado and advised that Boulder, Larimer, and Weld Counties do not have drought conditions at this time.
- Water Resources Advisor, Nancy Koch, advised the Board that a lot of Staff time was being used monitoring the Town of Johnstown's (Johnstown) Home Supply change of use case.
 - ❖ Ms. Koch noted that Johnstown had settled with some of the objectors.
 - ❖ Ms. Koch hoped Staff would have time to return to other projects in the next few weeks.

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

- Locate requests and leak repairs were both normal.
- Monthly Water Quality Report:
 - ❖ Monthly Total Coliform samples resulted in one Total Coliform positive, but after being resampled, it was verified that coliforms were absent.
 - ❖ Disinfection Byproduct Two (DBP2) test results were received after the Board Packet was issued.
 - The results had returned to the normal range after the last quarter had spiked.

- District Manager Kauffman advised she spoke with CLFP Manager Whittet and was told the plant had added additional chlorine, which resulted in the higher results of the prior test.
- ❖ The District is required to test for Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule Five (UMCR5) quarterly.
 - The District has completed two of the required to sampling in four.
 - Both test results came back with no detections.
- Project Updates and Notes:
 - ❖ On February 14, 2024, Operations Staff received in-house training from the CDPHE Coaching Assistance Group to update the District Monitoring Plan.
 - Staff in attendance planned to ask questions regarding the newly revised LCRR.
 - On February 15, 2024, 19 District Employees attended a one-day training seminar presented by the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Water Works Association.
 - ❖ A total of 6,287 out of 6,554 valves had been exercised.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

- President McMurtrey noted that 90 units of Colorado-Big Thompson (C-BT) water from the Yoakum Farm went up for auction.
 - ❖ District Manager Kauffman noted there were several people from the agricultural community in attendance.
- Director Brandt advised there had been a water outage in his area the morning of Wednesday, February 14, 2024, and there had been no advanced notice from the District.
 - ❖ Business Manager Diekhoff stated that it had been an emergency outage and that a reverse notification had been sent to customers in the affected area.
 - ❖ Ms. Diekhoff told Mr. Brandt she would review his contact information to make sure it is correct in District files.
- Mr. Brandt updated his comment from January about a new three-phase power line being installed next to his property.
 - ❖ The power line is to be used for a new pump plant being installed by Chevron.
- Director Martens noted that during a recent visit from his daughter, he had learned of a large, family group, who could not speak English, looking for food in exchange for work in the small town of Bozeman, Montana.
- Director Szmyd had learned that the Poudre Valley Rural Electric Association (PVREA) and the Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) plan to utilize only renewable energy for the power grid.
 - ❖ Mr. Szmyd was concerned this could cause outages that would affect CLFP.
 - ❖ Mr. Szmyd would like to be sure CLFP has sufficient backup energy sources.
- Director Brandenburg advised he had attended the Highlands Ditch meeting on Monday, February 12, 2024.
 - ❖ Mr. Brandenburg noted the ditch company is having issues with its exchange reservoir due to most of the farms below the reservoir having become housing developments.
 - ❖ The ditch company is working to pump the water out of the reservoir back into the ditch system.
 - ❖ Highlands Ditch will be applying for a water project grant to obtain funding.
 - ❖ Mr. Brandenburg suggested if the Highlands Ditch Company no longer be using Highlands Reservoir Three it might be a good location for the District's new treatment plant.
 - He also noted that C-BT water can be run through the Highlands Ditch system already.
 - Ms. Kauffman advised it would still require a change of use case in water court.

It was moved by Director Ryan Heiland, seconded by President McMurtrey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Kauffman