



WATER AND SEWER BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
August 12, 2020 – 6:30 a.m.  
Meeting via Zoom  
Windsor, CO 80550

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MINUTES

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chairperson Bielawski called the meeting to order at 6:33 a.m.

1. <u>Roll Call</u>	Chairperson	Greg Bielawski
	Vice-Chairperson	Carlos Medina
	Secretary	vacant
	Youth Advisory Board Member	Hunter Rivera
		Darell Zimbelman
		Milt Tokunaga
		Milton Geiger
		Janene Willey
	Town Board Liaison	Ken Bennett

Also present:	Director	John Thornhill
	Water Resources Administrator	Leif Lesoing
	Customer Service Manager	Mike Lucero
	Utility Billing Admin Specialist	Erin Porter

2. Review of Agenda by the Board and Addition of items of New Business to the Agenda for Consideration by the Board  
There were no new agenda items considered.
3. Public Invited to be Heard  
There was no public comment.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no items on the consent calendar.

**C. BOARD ACTION**

1. Minutes of May 13, 2020 Regular Meeting  
**Board Member Willey moved to accept the minutes for the May 13, 2020 meeting; Board Member Zimbelman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**D. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION**

1. Water and Sewer Board Secretary and Vacant Position

Board Chairman Bielawski nominated Board Member Willey as the new Secretary for the Water and Sewer Board, Board Member Tokunaga seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations brought forth. Board Member Willey accepted the nomination and the position

2. City of Aurora Purchase of GWIP Whitney Shares

Mr. Lesoing informed the Board that the City of Aurora recently purchased 119 shares, or approximately 1/3 of the Whitney Ditch from the Great Western Industrial Park. They paid about \$16,500 per acre foot (af), or slightly over \$26 million.

The Town had planned on purchasing shares for future non-potable needs, namely for irrigating parks. Mr. Lesoing has been communicating with Aurora staff to try to come up with something that would come back to Windsor in some form.

Currently the water will be leased back to Broe for 10 years as the transfer goes through water court.

The Board discussed the sale and possible other options and opportunities that could be available to Windsor in the future.

3. Review of Water and Sewer Board Bylaws

Board Member Willey went through proposals to change the wording on some parts of the bylaws for clarity and grammar. Changes were also made to the voting procedure, changing the voting structure so that a roll call vote is only used if there is not unanimous approval by the Board in a voice vote.

4. Water Supply Update

Mr. Lesoing went over changes to the Water Supply from the last update. The Poudre River had peaked earlier and at a higher level than the historical levels, and quickly dropped off, leaving the water flow at a much lower level than normal.

As far as the drought monitor, Larimer and Weld Counties are not at a drought level, but we are abnormally dry.

In May, the Northern Board increased the quota to 80% in May, so the Town has more water available, so from the supply side, Windsor should be good.

## **E. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Upcoming events:

- NISP 1041 Larimer County Commissioners
  - Aug. 17, 2020, 6:30 p.m. – presentations only, available via FCTV Channel 14 or online, here: <https://www.larimer.org/bocc/commissioners-meetings/internet-broadcasts-commissioners-meetings#/lu/>. In person seating in the hearing room will be limited on a first-come-first-served basis.
  - Aug. 24, 2020, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. for public testimony in person or via Zoom.
  - Continue to Aug. 31, 2020, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. for public testimony, if needed.
  - Continue to Sept. 2, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – Commissioner deliberation and decision.

- Registration will be available on August 3rd to sign up to speak for 3 minutes per person starting Aug 24th. The Sign-up Form will be available at <https://www.larimer.org/planning/NISP-1041>.

Board Members are encouraged to sign up to provide public testimony and/or make public comments in support of NISP. Town staff will be able to work with members to write comments.

2. Northern Water Audit Availability

Board Member Tokunaga received a call from Northern Water advising him that there was some availability for free water audits available from Northern Water for entities such as HOAs, Metro Districts, and Municipalities.

**F. ADJOURN**

**Board Member Geiger moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 am; Board Member Willey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Submitted by:



Erin Porter, Utility Billing Administrative Specialist