



WATER AND SEWER BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
September 09, 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 6:31 a.m.

1. <u>Roll Call</u>	Chairperson	Greg Bielawski
	Vice-Chairperson	Carlos Medina
	Secretary	Janene Willey
	Youth Advisory Board Member	Hunter Rivera
		Darell Zimbelman
		Milt Tokunaga
		Milton Geiger
		(vacant)
	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 August 12, 2020 Regular Meeting  
**Board Member Zimbelman moved to accept the minutes for the August 13, 2020 meeting; Board Secretary Willey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**
2. Water and Sewer Board Bylaws Approval  
The amendments under review to the bylaws of the Water and Sewer Board were previously discussed and debated during the August 12, 2020 Water and Sewer Board meeting.

**Board Member Tokunaga moved to accept the amendments to the Water and Sewer Board Bylaws effective September 9, 2020, Board Secretary Willey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously**

## **D. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION**

1. Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP) Update

Last week the Larimer County Commissioners had their final meeting for the County 1041 for NISP. The Commissioners voted 2 to 1 in favor of approval of the project. Mr. Lesoing thanked the Board because Windsor had the strongest showing of support out of any other municipality.

The next step anticipated is that Save the Poudre will file a lawsuit against the County Commissioners. To determine the next steps, we would have to wait for the Corps of Engineers record of decision, which will hopefully come in November.

Mr. Thornhill stated that the next big step is the court challenge to the 401 certification in November. The basis for this and any future challenges in court will be most likely on the process, not on the data.

## **E. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Open House for the expanded Public Services building

The open house for the expanded Public Services building will be on September 10, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

2. Advisory Board Interviews

Town Board Member Bennett stated he and Mayor Paul Rennemeyer conducted interviews the previous evening to fill vacant advisory board openings. Board Vice-Chairman Medina took part and was re-appointed to the board. There is still one vacancy on the Water and Sewer Board with no candidates currently.

3. Cameron Peak Fire

Mr. Bennett asked staff about the potential difficulties that would result from the Cameron Peak Fire. Mr. Lesoing stated that if the river is the only source for the water treatment plant, they would be able to treat most of it, but Horsetooth might be shut off for the sake of cost and keeping everything cleaner. Board Member Zimbelman stated that Northern may be closing Horsetooth Reservoir anyway for maintenance and infrastructure improvements.

Mr. Thornhill stated that after the High Park Fire in 2012, Fort Collins set up an early warning system to measure the load coming down the river above the treatment plants. They will know if the water quality isn't good enough, and they will shut off their river headgates and utilize water from Horsetooth. After the High Park Fire, this was routinely done until the flood in September 2013.

4. Water Supply

Board Secretary Willey asked if there was any new information about the recent City of Aurora water purchase with Broe, Mr. Thornhill said there was no new information.

Mr. Thornhill stated that in December he and Town Manager Shane Hale will be part of a working group in December to talk about water issues and potential future actions in Northern Colorado.

5. Board Secretary Duties

There was discussion about the role and duties of the Board Secretary. The main discussion centered around the completion of meeting minutes. The Board discussed some, and agreed to table the discussion until after staff had determined the feasibility of access to files and recordings of the meetings.

**F. ADJOURN**

**Board Member Zimbelman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 am; Board Member Willey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erin Porter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erin Porter, Utility Billing Administrative Specialist