

# South Platte Water Related Activities Program, Inc.

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## Meeting Minutes of the Interim Board of Directors

February 15, 2007

1. Call to Order

The Interim Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Kevin Urie for President David Little.

2. Additions to the agenda: Treasurer's Report and RFP from Nebraska regarding groundwater study and the Compact
3. The minutes from the January 18, 2007 Board meeting were approved as revised by Kevin Urie.
4. Treasurer's Report. Dennis Harmon provided a handout of SPWRAP's receipts and disbursements. As of January 31, 2007, SPWRAP has a bank balance of \$174,074. The Board approved and executed a resolution for Dennis to open and transfer money into an interest bearing money market account.

Eric Wilkinson noted that NCWCD has paid Highline Electric Association a \$12,000 service charge for the groundwater pumps at Tamarack. Eric's request that NCWCD receive credit for 2008 SPWRAP membership dues in the amount of \$12,000 was approved by the Board.

The Board approved payment of Deb Freeman's invoices. Alan Berryman will forward future invoices directly to Dennis Harmon.

5. Discussed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Division of Wildlife (DOW).

Still wrangling with the details of funding a full time employee (FTE) for DOW. Discussed what the formula should be to split the funding between SPWRAP and the State. To some extent the formula will consider the sources of water (whether from public or private lands). The details of this accounting are variable and still about 60 days out.

Ted Kowalski stated that the State will meet internally again of this matter with the new DNR Director and discuss the issues and the potential funding options. There may be sources of money, in addition to money from the current allocation, to fund a portion of the FTE for the first year.

This item will be placed on the May Agenda in order to have the results of the water accounting in hand.

6. The Board authorized \$40,000 to pay for pumping costs at Tamarack. It costs about \$2,000 per month to operate a well at Tamarack. Two wells were operated in February and up to nine wells will be operated in March and April to meet Colorado's future depletions plan.
7. The Tamarack Decree is stalled until Boulder can look at it in June.
8. Ted Kowalski provided an update on the Operating Committee.

Progress is being made on the operating plan for Tamarack I which is due January 2008.

The annual operating plan for Tamarack II obligations is also in progress. Obligations will be met with pumping and water leasing.

Discussed the future depletions plan memo due to the GC on March 31, 2007. The State Demographer is providing future population estimates and Jon Altenhofen is working on the depletion/accretion accounting for the "Initial Reporting Period." Cities/municipalities need to complete the "Colorado Plan for Future Depletions Annual Reporting" form provided by Jon. Ted Kowalski stated that a draft of the memo to the GC will be complete by the March 15 meeting.

Ted Kowalski provided a handout of the DRAFT PRRIP Total Program Costs First Increment, which is a required attachment to the DNR MOU. Please provide comments on this attachment to Ted and Jon by March 1, 2007.

Ted Kowalski emphasized the importance of continuing to support HB-1182 which would provide State funding, up to \$24 million, to the SCTF over the next three years.

9. Discussed SPWRAP coverage of Federal depletions. Ted Kowalski stated that the State will send a letter to the Federal agencies requesting more information on what is needed by the Federal agencies.
10. USFWS letters have been sent to Federal agencies recognizing the implementation of the Program and stating that continued coverage under section 7 of the ESA requires signing the Platte Recovery Agreement and becoming a member of SPWRAP.
11. Funding D.C. Lobbyist...
12. Discussed the Reporting Form and Assessment Invoice and Instructions...
13. SPWRAP Administrative and Corporate Issues...
14. Next Meeting:  
    March 15, 2007  
    NCWCD at 10:00 am