

**Meeting of the
Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District
Thursday December 9, 2021
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Meeker Library
490 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Directors Present
Kelly Sheridan
Walter Proctor
Anthony Theos
David Smith
Shawn Welder
Bailey Franklin

Staff Present

Scott Grosscup, District's Attorney

Others Present

N/A

Approval of Minutes from September 30, 2021

Director Franklin moved to approve the minutes from the September 30, 2021, meeting as presented, Director Smith seconded, all in favor.

Public Comment

There were no members from the public wishing to discuss items not on the agenda.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Director Proctor moved to pay the outstanding balance as of December 1 to Balcomb & Green, Director Franklin second, all in favor.

Director Proctor noted that there is approximately \$20,000 after payment of end of year bills. Consistent with prior years he asked for approval to pay any bills received for work in December provided such payment is within the budgeted amounts. Director Smith moved to authorize payment of any additional bills provided such payments are within budgeted amounts, director Franklin seconded, all in favor.

2022 Budget Hearing

Director Proctor moved to open the hearing on the 2022 budget, Director Smith seconded, all in favor.

Scott reported that he had published notice of the District's 2022 Budget hearing in the Craig Daily Press and the Rio Blanco Herald. He had also provided the budget to the clerk and recorders' office for Moffat and Rio Blanco County. He did not receive any comments on the proposed budget. He then discussed the proposed budget.

Director Smith moved to approve the Resolution to Set the Mill Levy for 2022 at 0.209 mills, Director Proctor seconded, all in favor.

Director Smith moved to approve the Resolution to Adopt Budget for 2022 as presented, Director Franklin seconded, all in favor.

Director Franklin moved to approve the Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money, Director Theos seconded, all in favor.

Director Smith moved to close the 2022 Budget Hearing, Director Theos seconded, all in favor.

Director Proctor noted that he will be transferring \$6,000 into the Reserve Account, consistent with the budget.

Status of Water Rights Cases

Scott reported that he had presented a proposed settlement offer to the Division of Water Resources, Colorado Water Conservation Board, and Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife after the last meeting. He received comments back from the Division of Water Resources and responded to those questions. He said that the last remaining issue concerns how the three state agencies want to describe how water released from Lake Avery would be used for fish purposes. Discussion followed.

Lake Avery Enlargement

Scott presented the memorandum from Applegate Group on the Lake Avery Enlargement – Next Steps. Discussion followed on the next steps and anticipated costs. Director Franklin noted that some of the work that is proposed may be completed by CPW as part of its anticipated maintenance of the reservoir. Discussion also followed concerning ongoing project supervision. All agreed to wait until the District's water court cases are resolved before directing Applegate Group to continue with any of the proposed tasks.

New Business

Director Proctor indicated his desire to step down from the Treasurer's position. Director Franklin stated that he would be willing to assume those duties. Director Theos moved to appoint Director Franklin as Treasurer, director Proctor seconded, all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Read and approved this 30th day of June 2022.

Signed: 

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