

# **WATER BOARD MINUTES**

**March 18, 2019**

**Service Center Conference Room  
1100 S. Sherman Street  
Longmont, CO 80501**

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## **REGULAR MEETING**

The March 18, 2019, meeting of the Longmont Water Board was called to order by Vice Chair Renee Davis at 2:59 p.m. at the Service Center Water Conference Room.

### **1. ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present: Renee Davis, Kathy Peterson, and Roger Lange

Board Members Excused: Todd Williams and John Caldwell

City Staff Members Present: Wes Lowrie, Nelson Tipton, Kevin Boden, Francie Jaffe (Water Conservation & Sustainability Specialist), and Heather McIntyre

Public in Attendance: Phil Willis

### **2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Board member Lange to approve Water Board's February 25, 2019 minutes as written; the motion was seconded by Board member Peterson. The motion passed 3-0.**

### **3. WATER STATUS REPORT**

Staff member Nelson Tipton gave the current water status report. The flow at the Lyons gage at 8:30 a.m. today was 22 cfs with an historical average of 20 cfs for this date. Ralph Price Reservoir at Button Rock Preserve is at 10,909 acre feet, down approx. 5,300 acre feet. Union Reservoir is at 10,460 acre feet, down approx. 2,300 acre feet. The call on the St. Vrain Creek is McCall Lake, with a priority date of 3/15/1909, and there was no call on the Main Stem of the South Platte River, which impacts District #5.

**4. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Staff member Tipton introduced Francie Jaffe, the City's new Water Conservation & Sustainability Specialist. Her time will be split equally between water conservation and sustainability. As part of her water conservation responsibilities, Francie will oversee the various water efficiency programs outlined in City of Longmont's Water Efficiency Master Plan.

**5. AGENDA REVISIONS AND SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS**

None.

**6. DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY**

None.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**A. Cash-in-Lieu Review**

Staff member Wes Lowrie reminded the Board of City Council's approved Resolution R-2018-53 establishing the fee for cash-in-lieu of water right received at the current rate of \$15,324.00 per acre-foot.

The Board reviewed and discussed the current cash-in-lieu rate with no recommendation for change to the fee at this time.

**B. Monthly Legislative Report**

Staff member Tipton updated the Board with recent and current water related Legislation Bills that Longmont is tracking. A spreadsheet listing those bills was handed out. There were no bills at this time which required Water Board action.

**8. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**A. Monthly Water Supply Update**

Staff member Lowrie reviewed Longmont's current and projected water supply with Water Board members, with information that was included in the Water Board packet. At the end of February, the reservoir storage is about 70%, slightly below the 7-year average, mostly due to Button Rock being down slightly.

The South Platte River Basin snowpack is above normal at 131% as of March 18, 2019, and the Upper Colorado River Basin snowpack is at 141%.

**9. ITEMS FROM BOARD**

**A. Review of Major Project Listing**

The Board reviewed the most recent Water Board project status report.

Board member Davis asked about when the supply and demand update will be available. Staff member Lowrie stated it will hopefully be part of next month's meeting.

**10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND WATER BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Informational items and correspondence were included in the packet. Staff member Lowrie reminded the Board that the Spring Water Users Meeting will be held on April 9, and information was included in this month's packet.

**11. ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

The next cash-in-lieu review is scheduled for June's meeting.

**12. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before Water Board, Vice Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Longmont Water Board will be held on April 15, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. at the Service Center, 1100 South Sherman Street, Longmont, CO 80501.

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**Renee Davis, Water Board Vice Chair**

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**Heather McIntyre, Recording Secretary**

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