

WATER BOARD MINUTES

July 15, 2019

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

REGULAR MEETING

The July 15, 2019 meeting of the Longmont Water Board was called to order by Temporary Chair Ken Huson at 3:00 pm at the Service Center Water Conference Room.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Todd Williams, Renee Davis, John Caldwell, and Roger Lange

Board Members Unexcused: Kathy Peterson

City Staff Members Present: Ken Huson, Nelson Tipton, Kevin Boden, Francie Jaffe, Jason Elkins, and Maureen Wallace

Council Liaison Present: Marcia Martin

Public in Attendance: Gaythia Weis

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Election of Chairperson

Nominations for Water Board chairperson were opened by Water Board Staff Liaison Ken Huson.

Board member Davis made a motion to nominate Todd Williams for Water Board Chairman. Board member Caldwell seconded the nomination. The motion passed 4-0.

B. Election of Vice-Chairperson

The meeting was resumed by Chairperson Williams. Nominations for Water Board Vice Chairperson were opened.

Board member Caldwell made a motion to nominate Renee Davis as Water Board Vice Chairperson. Board member Lange seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

A motion was made by Board member Lange to approve Water Board's June 17, 2019 minutes; the motion was seconded by Board member Davis. The motion passed 4-0.

4. WATER STATUS REPORT

Staff member Nelson Tipton gave the current water status report on behalf of District 5 Water Commissioner Shera Sumerford. The flow of the St. Vrain at the Lyons gage at 8:00 am today was 499 cfs with an historical average of 280 cfs for this date. Peak flow at Lyons was calculated at 1,074.77 cfs on July 2, 2019, at 2:00 pm.

Ralph Price Reservoir at Button Rock Preserve is spilling at an elevation of 6,400.4 feet, equaling 16,286 acre-feet. Currently there is 175 cfs being released from Ralph Price Reservoir.

Union Reservoir is at an elevation of 27.67 feet, equaling 12,520 acre-feet, down approx. 248 acre-feet. We started running water down the Oligarchy Ditch to top off Union Reservoir one more time.

Currently there is no call on the St. Vrain Creek, but there could be one at the end of this week or early next week. The call on the Main Stem of the South Platte River is Evans #2 Ditch, Admin # 21,709, with a priority date of 6/9/1909.

The State has hired a new Deputy Water Commissioner for Districts 5 & 6, whose name is Martin Sarley.

5. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Gaythia Weis shared her support for more sustainable landscaping requirements with Water Board. She stated that the best way to prepare for drought in the future is to proactively plan for it now through requiring new developments and parks to use more xeriscaping in their landscaping plans. She encouraged Water Board to consider recommending that Council adopt a policy for requiring "more sensible landscaping" than has been done with past developments in the City's neighborhoods and parks.

6. AGENDA REVISIONS AND SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

None

7. DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. IGA with Town of Lyons for Treated Water Service

Staff member Ken Huson presented the Board with a preliminary proposal for an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Longmont and the Town of Lyons. This would amend a previous Water Service Agreement IGA that allows the City of Longmont to provide water treatment services for the Town of Lyons. As they are still working to rebuild after the 2013 Flood and currently constructing affordable housing units to replace homes that were lost in the flood, the cost of C-BT water rights shares are significantly higher than the return margin for affordable housing units will allow. This IGA would amend the following underlying agreements in our current agreement through the following provisions:

1. Reducing the allowable number of maximum service connections from 1,310 to 1,250.
2. Allowing the Town of Lyons to acquire Lake McIntosh Reservoir shares for future Fixed Dedication of water supply.
3. Allowing the Town of Lyons to decide itself whether or not to include its C-BT shares in the Northern Water fixed quota program.
4. Transferring a short segment of the City of Longmont's abandoned South St. Vrain Creek Pipeline to the Town of Lyons. This section previously connected Longmont's south treatment plant to its north water treatment plant, which are no longer used.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Board member Caldwell to recommend that City Council approve the IGA in substantially the form before them, allowing for an amendment to the agreement for the City of Longmont to provide water treatment services for the Town of Lyons; the motion was seconded by Board member Davis. The motion passed 4-0.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Water Conservation Program Update

Staff member Francie Jaffe provided the Board with an update on Longmont's current and upcoming water conservation programs. Programs encourage conservation in both indoor and outdoor practices. Discussion followed with comments from the Board and staff.

10. ITEMS FROM BOARD

A. Review of Major Project Listing

A review of major project listing was provided in the agenda packet.

B. Raw Water Demand Evaluation

Chairperson Williams re-opened discussion on the Raw Water Demand Evaluation report recently presented by staff. He proposed that the Board do some work to develop a more robust plan for future water supply, examining all potential options with their benefits and consequences to make a recommendation from the Board to the Council. After additional comments from Board and Staff alike, Chair Williams and Board member Davis will work to bring a draft recommendation to Water Board for review and further delineation.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND WATER BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Informational items were included in the packet distributed for this meeting.

12. ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

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

13. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before Water Board, Chairperson Williams adjourned the meeting at 4:48 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Longmont Water Board will be held on August 21, 2019, at 3:00 pm at the Service Center, 1100 South Sherman Street, Longmont, CO 80501.

Todd Williams, Water Board Chair

Date

Maureen Wallace, Recording Secretary

Date