

# **WATER BOARD MINUTES**

**June 17, 2019**

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

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## **REGULAR MEETING**

The June 20, 2019 meeting of the Longmont Water Board was called to order by Chair Todd Williams at 3:00 pm at the Service Center Water Conference Room.

### **1. ROLL CALL**

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

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

Public in Attendance: Phil Willis

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

**A motion was made by Board member Peterson to approve Water Board's May 20, 2019 minutes; the motion was seconded by Board member Lange. The motion passed 5-0.**

### **3. 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 10:00 am today was 541 cfs with an historical average of 560 cfs for this date.

Ralph Price Reservoir at Button Rock Preserve is at 6,398 feet, equaling 15,757 acre feet, down approximately 440 acre feet. Currently there is 260 cfs being released from Ralph Price Reservoir.

Union Reservoir is at 12,357 acre feet, down approx. 400 acre feet. Union Reservoir will most likely be full by the end of June.

Currently there is no call on the St. Vrain Creek. The call on the Main Stem of the South Platte River is Roach Well, with a bypass call to Harmony Ditch, Admin Number 36,060, with a priority date of 09/23/1948. There is no call below Harmony.

Local storage at the end of May was approximately 82%. By the end of June, it should be around 98%.

Discussion ensued around peak flow and water storage status for this year.

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

Staff member Ken Huson introduced the City's new Water Resources Engineer Jason Elkins. Jason came from the City's Engineering Services department and was project manager for building the new spillway bridge at Button Rock Dam during flood recovery efforts.

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

None

#### **6. DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY**

Water Board approved and recommended that the Riverset Annexation is in compliance with the Raw Water Requirement Policy at the time of annexation and will be at the time of final plat approval with satisfaction of the 17.760 acre foot deficit.

**The motion was made by Board member Caldwell to approve and was seconded by Board member Peterson. The motion passed 5-0.**

#### **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. The cost per acre-foot for the Windy Gap Firming Project, Union Enlargement & Pumpback Pipeline, and Button Rock Enlargement have all been adjusted for the Bureau of Reclamation's construction cost index. The current confirmed transactions are consistently increasing.

**After further discussion, Board member Peterson moved to set the cash-in-lieu rate at \$16,840 per acre-foot, the cost of the Windy Gap Firming Project. Board member Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.**

#### **8. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

##### **A. Windy Gap Firming Project Update**

Staff member Ken Huson stated that the final design for the Windy Gap Firming Project has been complete and submitted to the State Engineers Office, which has been part of the design team throughout the process. The procurement process has begun, short-

listing five contractors who will be given the final plan set awaiting the State’s approval. It is anticipated that a contractor will be selected by fall 2019. The federal lawsuit also is scheduled to complete briefings by the end of the summer, with a final decision expected six months to a year after that.

**9. ITEMS FROM BOARD**

**A. Review of Major Project Listing**

Staff member Lowrie stated that Renee Davis has been reappointed for another 5-year term to Water Board.

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

The public meeting for the Button Rock Management Plan has been changed to June 25, 2019, at 6:00 pm.

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

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

Recreational In-Channel Decree – The City has completed construction of the RICD course, opened it to the public and anticipates diverting this year in the course. As such, Longmont will be able to move forward with finalizing this decree and obtaining an absolute decree. Staff will update the board at the July board meeting.

**12. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before Water Board, Chairperson Williams adjourned the meeting at 3:47 pm.

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

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**Todd Williams, Water Board Chair**

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**Maureen Wallace, Recording Secretary**

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