

# **WATER BOARD MINUTES**

**September 16, 2019**

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

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## **REGULAR MEETING**

The September 16, 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, and Roger Lange

Board Members Excused: Kathy Peterson and John Caldwell

City Staff Members Present: Ken Huson, Wes Lowrie, Nelson Tipton, Jim Angstadt, Ben Wagner, Jason Elkins, and Heather McIntyre

Council Liaison Present: Marcia Martin

### **2. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

There was a quorum present with three board members in attendance.

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

**A motion was made by Board member Lange to approve Water Board's July 15, 2019 minutes; the motion was seconded by Board member Davis. The motion passed 3-0.**

### **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 1 pm today was 41 cfs, with an historical average of 60 cfs for this date.

The call on the St. Vrain Creek is James Ditch, Admin #6756, with a priority date of 6/30/1868. There was no call on the Main Stem of the South Platte River affecting District 5.

Ralph Price Reservoir at Button Rock Preserve is spilling at an elevation of 6,400.1 feet, equaling 16,215 acre-feet. Currently there is 35 cfs being released from Ralph Price Reservoir.

Union Reservoir is at an elevation of 25.85 feet, equaling 11,205 acre-feet, down approx. 1,500 acre-feet. Currently there is 30 cfs being released from Union Reservoir.

As of the end of last month, District 5 reservoirs were at approximately 80% full.

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

There was no public in attendance.

Staff members Jim Angstadt, Director of Engineering Services, and Ben Wagner, Recreation Area Supervisor, gave a brief presentation on the 2019 City of Longmont Ballot Initiatives. The presentation included a factual summary of the following three items that will be on the November 5, 2019 Election Ballot for voter consideration:

- Competitive Pool and Ice Rink Sales Tax Increase and Bond Approval (Ballot Issue 3B)
- Street Fund Sales and Use Tax Permanent Extension (Ballot Issue 3C)
- Amendment of the City Charter to Allow for 30-year Leases of Public Property (Ballot Issue 3D)

More information about each of these initiatives can be found on the City's website at [www.longmontcolorado.gov/election](http://www.longmontcolorado.gov/election).

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

None

## **7. DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY**

Staff member Lowrie submitted the following development activity as information only:

1. North Terry Street Townhomes Subdivision is currently in compliance with the City's Raw Water Requirement Policy and no action was needed by the Board.

Chair Williams asked for clarification on how land use and water demand is taken into consideration for development activity, particularly for high-density uses, after a property has been annexed. Staff members Wes Lowrie and Ken Huson stated that this particular development was annexed as mixed-use development and still falls within the guidelines for water demand. They did agree, though, that Chair Williams' suggestion should be considered for future activity to account for and offset water demand associated with the development. Further discussion ensued about how to include that in future development activity reports.

2. Prairie Village Filing No. 7 Final Plat is presently in compliance with the City's Raw Water Requirement Policy and no action was needed by the Board.
3. Baker Street Townhomes Subdivision is presently in compliance with the City's Raw Water Requirement Policy and no action was needed by the Board.

## **8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

Staff member Lowrie reminded the Board of City Council's approved Resolution R-2019-78 establishing the fee for cash-in-lieu of water right received at the current rate of \$16,840.00 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. WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Funding**

On behalf of Staff member Francie Jaffe, Staff member Huson presented information she put together about a grant that Public Works & Natural Resources (PWNR) is applying for that would help with costs associated with replacing residents' water meters with smart water meters. The Bureau of Reclamation has small and large grants available to help in the conversion to smart meters; PWNR is applying for both grants and hoping to get funding for the larger of the two.

By transitioning to an Automated Meter Reading (AMR) system and incorporating a Customer Portal, the City has the opportunity to provide improved leak detection and education to the customer, which can result in improved water savings and conservation. Staff requested a letter of recommendation from the Board to include in the application and a recommendation to City Council to approve a resolution authorizing PWNR to apply for the grant.

**A motion was made by Board member Davis to authorize Chair Williams to sign a letter of recommendation for the application packet and to recommend that City Council approve a resolution authorizing PWNR to apply for the Water and Energy Efficiency Grant; Board member Lange seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.**

## **9. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

None

## **10. ITEMS FROM BOARD**

### **A. Raw Water Demand Evaluation Discussion Update**

Chair Williams stated that he and Board member Davis are looking at dates with Staff member Huson to meet with Deputy City Manager Dale Rademacher to

discuss the Raw Water Demand Evaluation and the City of Longmont’s position on its Windy Gap participation level. After the meeting, Chair Williams and Board member Davis will report the outcome of the meeting to the Board. They are hopeful that the Board and City staff will be able to work together to present a united message to City Council.

**B. Review of Major Project Listing**

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

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

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

Staff member Huson highlighted a report on the Colorado River Recovery Program’s 2019 trip to Washington, D.C. This is an annual event in which proponents for Upper Colorado and San Juan recovery programs go to show congressional and administration staff that maintaining support and funding for these programs is necessary. Participants from this year’s trip are hopeful that appropriations to fund the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program and the San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program will continue for Fiscal Year 2020.

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

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

**13. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before Water Board, Chairperson Williams adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Longmont Water Board will be held on October 21, 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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**Heather McIntyre, Recording Secretary**

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