

**Southwestern Water Conservation District**  
**Board of Directors Special Meeting by Teleconference**  
**January 19, 2021**

**Present:**        Bob Wolff                        JR Ford                        David Guilliams  
                        Rusty Hinger                      Jenny Russell                  Don Schwindt  
                        Charlie Smith                      Doug Stowe

**Absent:**        Monte Naslund

**Staff:**         Laura Spann, Programs Coordinator

**Consultants:** Chris Treese, Consultant  
                        Beth Van Vurst, Van Vurst Law

**Guests:**       Amy Huff, Colorado Water & Land Law  
                        Marcel Gaztambide, San Juan Citizens Alliance  
                        Ed Millard, Interbasin Compact Committee

**1.0 Call to Order – Roll Call and Verification of Quorum**

President Bob Wolff called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Roll was taken and a quorum established.

**2.0 Review and Approve Agenda**

*(time: 00:01:15)*

There was unanimous consent to approve the agenda as noticed.

**3.0 Questions & Comments from the Audience**

*(time: 00:02:10)*

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Bob Wolff noted that the District celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2021. This was his last meeting as board president and a board member, as his term will end on February 9<sup>th</sup>. He made several parting remarks regarding the board's responsibility to guide the District through a challenging period.

**4.0 Executive Session**

*(time: 00:04:30)*

Beth Van Vurst recommended that the board move into executive session for the purpose of discussing agenda item 4.1, proposed consulting services agreement(s) for facilitation of SWCD's strategic plan, representation on state legislative matters, and other policy and operational support during the transition period as the District seeks a general manager. The statutes covering this executive session are § 24-6-402(4)b), C.R.S., "conferences with an attorney for the district for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions" and § 24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., "determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators." Jenny Russell moved that the board go into executive session. Charlie Smith seconded. The motion passed.

**5.0 Report out and Action items from Executive Session**

*(time: 00:06:55)*

Beth Van Vurst announced that the board was out of executive session at 9:55 a.m. The board discussed agenda item 4.1, proposed consulting services agreement(s) for facilitation of SWCD's strategic plan, representation on state legislative matters, and other policy and operational support during the transition period. No action was taken during executive session.

Don Schwindt moved to approve the consulting services agreement with Wellstone Collaborative Strategies (Jacob Bornstein) for development and implementation of the District's strategic plan. JR Ford seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Charlie Smith moved to approve the consulting services agreement with Chris Treese for representation on state legislative matters commencing immediately and continuing for one month after the regular state legislative session adjourns. JR Ford seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Don Schwindt moved to approve the consulting services agreement with Chris Treese for services including operational and policy services until the District retains a new general manager. Rusty Hinger seconded. There was discussion regarding coordination between the board and Mr. Treese regarding priorities and available hours. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

## **6.0 New Business**

### **6.1 Program Coordinator's Invitation to Join Water Education Colorado's Executive Committee**

*(time: 00:16:00)*

Laura Spann was invited to join Water Education Colorado's (WEco's) Executive Committee, which provides closer direction on operations, finances, programs, and content for the statewide educational organization. This commitment would be approximately two additional hours per month, increasing the hours dedicated to representing the District on WEco-related matters from approximately 50 (from the recent staff time report) to 80 hours annually. There was general board consensus to support Laura joining the Executive Committee as long as it doesn't impact her ability to carry out existing District duties.

## **7.0 Adjournment**

President Bob Wolff adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

  
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Jenny Russell, Secretary-Treasurer (2020)