MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
BACA GRANDE WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
March 19, 2025 - 9:00 AM
District Office – 57 Baca Grant Way South
Crestone, Colorado 81131
Meeting held in person and via Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Directors in Attendance:	Also in Attendance:
Vivia Lawson	Marcus Lock, District Legal Counsel
Rick Hart	Diego Martinez, District Manager
Mike Smith	Chad Tate, Director of Utilities
David Karas	Natalie DeBon, Administrative Manager
Michael Plotnick	Nicholaus Marcotte, Element Engineering
	Cathy Fromm, District Accountant (for a portion of the meeting)

Community Members and Guests:
Dan Gray
Bill Peck
Michael Scully

CALL TO ORDER
President Lawson called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
Members of the Board were requested to disclose any potential conflicts of interest with regard to any matters scheduled for discussion at this meeting. No potential conflicts were disclosed.

AGENDA
MOTION: Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Director Smith, seconded by Director Plotnick and upon vote, unanimously carried, the Board approved the Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA
The Board considered the following consent agenda items:

- Review and accept unaudited financial statements for the period ending February 28th, 2025 and current schedule of cash position.
- Approve Minutes from the February, 2025 Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Director Hart, seconded by Director Smith and upon vote, unanimously carried, the Board approved the Consent agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA ONLY. NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN). *In accordance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law, no Board action will take place until a later date, if necessary. Please limit your comments to three minutes or less.*

Mr. Peck introduced himself and announced that he will be organizing a "meet and greet" for the election candidates on April 11th at the park. He also suggested that if one of the candidates were to drop out, the election could be canceled, and the District could forgo the election expense. Mr. Peck voiced his support for one of the candidates.

Mr. Scully introduced himself and shared details about his background. He spoke of grants and expressed concern about government budgets, fearing that grants will not get funded.

Mr. Gray apologized for posting incorrect information in his recent Facebook post. Mr. Gray commented on the Town of Crestone IGA.

President Lawson reminded everyone that neither the District nor Board members can engage in election activities. All election/campaign activities must be kept separate from the District, and Board members may not use District emails or resources for these purposes. Mr. Lock added that Board members are free to support a candidate on their own time and property, using their own resources, but not in their official capacity as Board members. The Board cannot advocate for any candidate in an official capacity or use District resources. The District's role is to remain neutral and conduct activities through the designated election official.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Check Register: The Board discussed and considered approval of the check register through the period ending March 19, 2025 as follows:

General	$ 5,231.50
Capital	$ 7,750.00
Enterprise	$ 24,634.42
	$ 37,615.92

MOTION: FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, UPON MOTION DULY MADE BY DIRECTOR SMITH, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR PLOTNICK AND, UPON VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE BOARD APPROVED THE CHECK REGISTER FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 19, 2025.

President Lawson clarified the cash operating accounts and the cash balance with Ms. Fromm. President Lawson and Ms. Fromm also discussed the upcoming bond payments and transfers to COLOTRUST.

ENGINEER AND STAFF REPORTS

The Board reviewed and discussed the reports incorporated in the Board packet; the engineer and staff reports are attached to the minutes as supporting documents.

EIAF Grant Update: District Manager, Utility Superintendent, and President Lawson traveled to Eaton, CO, to present the project to the DOLA panel. Mr. Martinez shared a letter received on March 18th from Maria De Cambra, DOLA Executive Director, offering an award of $750,000 to support the Water System Improvement Project.

The District Manager presented the Waterworth program to the Board, designed specifically for rate studies, cost analysis and strategic planning.

MOTION: FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, UPON MOTION DULY MADE BY DIRECTOR HART, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR SMITH AND, UPON VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE BOARD APPROVED TO ENTER INTO ONE YEAR AGREEMENT WITH WATERWORTH PROGRAM.

LEGAL

USFW: Mr. Lock reminded the Board that the low cost of raw water is due to the reduced rate negotiated in the short term amendment with USFWS, one of the primary goals is to extend the rate for another year.

Responding to public comment: Mr. Lock stated that there has been multiple public meetings by the District and Town of Crestone, including joint public meetings, regarding the IGA. The process has been highly public and transparent.

ADJOURNMENT:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, UPON MOTION DULY MADE DIRECTOR SMITH SECONDED BY DIRECTOR HART AND UPON VOTE, UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:37 AM.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR

April 16, 2025

Drafted by

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Natalie DeBon

Respectfully submitted,

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Diego Martinez

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS THE OFFICIAL MARCH 19, 2025 MINUTES OF THE BACA GRANDE WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SIGNING BELOW:

Vivia Lawson

Rick Hart

Mike Smith

David Karas

Michael Plotnick