

PLUM CREEK WATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY
4255 N. US Hwy 85, Castle Rock, CO 80108
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Held in person and GoToMeeting
September 24, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

7:30 a.m.

ATTENDEES:

Mark Marlowe, Joshua Shackelford, Nathan Travis, Board Members; Evan Person, Alternate Board Member; Wes Martin, Authority Manager; Lissa Oelkers, Director of Administrative Services; Lisa Coney, Assistant Director of Administrative Services; Heidi Lazzaro, Administrative Assistant; Darryl Farrington, Semple, Farrington, Everall & Case, PC; Mark Henderson, Castle Rock Water

ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM:

Quorum present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dir. Shackelford moved to approve the agenda as presented. Dir. Travis seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Attendees: Nikita Hanov

No Comments.

ACTION ITEMS:

MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

Dir. Shackelford moved to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2025 regular board meeting. Dir. Travis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYABLES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2025:

Mr. Martin highlighted the payment of \$15,785.00 to Erix Crane & Rigging for ditch 3 repairs, \$109,687.00 to Horizon Mechanical for the replacement HVAC unit and work on building 8B, and \$20,866.00 to the United States Geological Survey for the annual stream gage operation. Mr. Martin requested approval for the August 2025 PCWRA payables totaling \$623,038.95. Dir. Shackelford moved to approve the payables as described by Mr. Martin. Dir. Travis seconded the motion. The payables were unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-1 – APPROVING LOAN FROM THE COLORADO WATER RESOURCES AND POWER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

Mr. Martin mentioned the additional costs for phase one due to the recommendation to bore through the reservoir to the proposed pump station, rather than waiting to bore in the second phase and damaging the liner. Project totals were presented to the board; however, not all costs have been confirmed. Different funding options were discussed, as well as phases for the project. Members were unable to vote on the resolution at this board meeting, needing finalized totals and time to discuss with their own boards. A special meeting was requested to allow for those discussions and is scheduled for October 1, 2025 at 7:30 am. Dir. Shackelford moved to table both Resolution 2025-1 and the GSE Construction Company Inc. Contract Approval action items until the special meeting. Dir. Travis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

GSE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC. CONTRACT APPROVAL:

The GSE Construction Company Contract Approval was discussed during the Resolution 2025-1 action item and was tabled until the special meeting on October 1.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS:

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

REUSE RESERVOIR PROJECT UPDATE:

The reuse reservoir project was discussed during the Resolution 2025-1 action item. No further discussion was needed.

DRAFT 2026 BUDGET:

Mr. Martin presented a draft of the 2026 PCWRA budget, with slight changes to a few line items, but no changes to the overall budget presented last month. Mr. Martin expressed his hope that the budget would be approved at the October board meeting.

Dir. Marlowe asked Mr. Martin for an update on the decreased flows at Castleton Center and Silver Heights. The board conversed about differences in member rate increases and decreases, flow measurements, and metering. Dir. Marlowe suggested tabling the discussion until the October 1 special meeting.

In response to the board's inquiry into where he might be able to quickly reduce the overall budget increase, Mr. Martin stated potentially the capital replacement could be reduced. The board requested a list of the proposed capital projects to be presented at the upcoming special meeting.

INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT UPDATE:

Mr. Martin provided an update regarding compliance for certain businesses with PCWRA's Rules and Regulations and mentioned all businesses are moving toward compliance or are working with PCWRA to become compliant.

SEDALIA WASTEWATER PROJECT:

Dir. Marlowe informed the board the project was moving forward, with their Council authorizing a final design contract. They are waiting on a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) coming in November.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Plant Updates

The ditch 3 cleanout and repairs have been completed and is back online. Repairs have begun on the aeration system in ditch 1.

PCWRA managers completed their Leadership Theory Manager's Training through ioPSYte and had positive feedback.

Mr. Martin has been asked to be the Colorado Waste Water Utility Council (CWWUC) Chair for 2026, with the goal of converting the organization's status to 501(c)(4) to allow for lobbying efforts.

Staff at PCWRA are mentoring the new lead operator at Roxborough/Dominion.

CDPHE Update

While the Regulation 61 hearing negotiations continue the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and CWWUC have agreed to drop their proposals regarding modifying administratively extended permits. This has been centered around the Senate bill that requires the division to catch up on backlogged permits. Pushback is coming from environmental groups who want language in the regulation denying modifications to an administratively extended permit. Other agencies are in support of the Wastewater Utility Council's position in needing the division to catch up on permits.

The CDPHE has been filling vacant positions despite the state budget freeze.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The new sewer line from Atrium is complete and flows are expected next year.

Regulation 84 stakeholder meetings continue to show opposition to reuse water being discharged into streams and lakes. Work continues to try to change these opinions.

Chatfield's researcher from Boulder finished his report which reflected that the proposed nutrient numbers may be incorrect. PCWRA will continue to help the Chatfield Watershed Authority with in-kind sampling and monitoring.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Dir. Marlowe declared the meeting adjourned at 8:32 a.m.



Mark Marlowe, President