

# Tri-State Water Resource Coalition



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Tri-State Water Resource Coalition was called to order at The Casino, 101 South Lincoln, Monett Missouri on August 17, 2022, at 9:41 a.m. by President Matt Barnhart.

### SELF INTRODUCTIONS

#### Board Members Present:

Kendall Powell, Branson  
Jason Choate, Carthage  
Steve Stodden, City Utilities of Springfield  
Mike Beatty, Liberty Utilities  
Matt Barnhart, MO America  
Skip Schaller, Monett,  
Dustin Davis, Mt. Vernon  
Travis Cossey, Nixa  
Jeremy Parsons, Ozark  
Mary Norell, Stockton

#### In Attendance:

Phil Walsack  
Lauren Graessle  
Sara Pringer  
Mike Weller  
Gail Melgren  
Jack Schaller  
TJ Whatley  
Chuck Solomon  
Jason Stutesman  
Jennifer Henggeler  
Dustin Davis  
Doug Colvin  
Jane Hood  
Theresa Fernau-Dunn

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the August 18 and April 20, 2021, meetings. The motion was unanimously passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating committee of Matt, Skip, Steve presented the following slate of officers listed right to replace the current officers listed left

Pres-Matt Barnhart	Steve Stodden
Past Pres-Chuck Bryant	Matt Barnhart
VP-Doug Colvin	Skip Schaller
Treasurer-Skip Schaller	Skip Schaller
Secretary-Jeremy Parsons	Mike Beatty
Legis Chair David Hertzberg	Dan Johnson/ David Hertzberg
Communications-Jason Choate	Steve Stodden
Finance-Skip Schaller	Skip Schaller
Membership-Joe Kelley	Brad Gray
Technical Chair-	Jason Choate

Motion to elect made by Jeremy Parsons and seconded by Skip Schaller. –to start serving January 2023.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Skip reported that as of 8/8/22 Central acct balance is \$234,648.53 in Money Market  
\$40,194.61 in Checking

### **TECHNICAL**

Planning Assistance to States (PAS) funding agreement is going through the approval process to fund \$325,000 for aerial photography, hydraulic modeling, permit studies and environmental archaeological studies. This will be matched by DNR Multipurpose Fund and the studies will lay a foundation for the project. Also discussed in JMUC meeting—ref JMUC minutes.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Signed 2 new professional liability insurance policies one each for JMUC and Tri State. Ref JMUC minutes.

The Corps of Engineers Report was given in the Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission (JMUC) portion of the meeting. Ref: JMUC minutes.

Additional info on COE progress—Roddy reported milestone meeting held in May. Fifty- one in attendance. General consensus was –"at a good point to make a decision". We are asking for 39 mgd yield. DYMS will make it effectively 31 mgd. Hopeful for transmitting to ASA (Assistant Secretary of Army) in 2023.

Roddy suggested that entities talk with their respective decision makers/leadership about amounts needed and cost so that water contracts can begin to be developed as needed. Since some entities will desire water storage later it will be desirable that the COE reallocation contract provide for taking the reallocation in portions if possible. There likely would be a cost for delaying a portion.

DNR REPORT was given in the JMUC meeting—Ref JMUC minutes

Payments and accounting confusion have been cleared up on Multipurpose fund and King and Spalding billings. There were multiple billings and overlaps in billings and reimbursements. Were able to work through with DNR as a great partner in the effort.

The SWMO Water match of PAS funding of \$325,000 will be required up front. That will come from the DNR Multipurpose fund. SWMO Water will be able to submit the COE invoice for reimbursement, make a deposit of that on receipt from DNR, and then cut the check to COE.

DNR SRF funding deviation approval and possibility of financing the JMUC purchase of the reallocation through the State Revolving Fund was discussed earlier in the JMUC meeting. Ref JMUC meeting minutes.

Reported on comments raised by SWPA/SPRA on the reallocation—they question timing and “immediate need”; COE authority to reallocate; impacts on hydropower; and operational impacts. There could be possible litigation between the Power interests and COE. This is a long running issue between Power interests and the COE. Further discussions to follow.

Plan to attend the National Water Supply Alliance Conference next week in North Dakota. There should be opportunity to meet and talk with next level of COE staff including Meredith Ledart and Brad Hutchens. Also, opportunity to meet with other utilities and entities who are seeking reallocations from the COE.

SWMO annual water conference is scheduled for November 1 at the Darr Center in Springfield. Theme is “Establishing Resilience”. We hope to have a keynote speaker from the Denver Bureau of Reclamation Office to talk about the ongoing mega drought and effects on Lakes Powell and Mead and associated impacts. The Board approved covering speaker travel expenses if necessary. Per Gail Melgren, this has been incorporated into the expenses for the conference in the past.

Storage accounting was discussed in earlier JMUC meeting. Ref JMUC minutes. Summary-- excess flows are allocated and can affect the cost. Jones & Fortuna will do an analysis to find out which ways have the most benefit. Cost estimated at \$5k.

Approaches to Water Contracts were covered in the earlier JMUC meeting. Reference JMUC minutes. Further discussion planned along with presentation by Jones and Fortuna.

DYMS (Dependable Yield Mitigation Storage) will also need to be included in contracts. This was covered in the earlier JMUC meeting. Ref JMUC meeting minutes.

Thx to everyone for working through the new dues and submitting payments. These were behind schedule. Reminder they will be coming due again end of the year.

Board approved expenditure for Business Cards for Executive Director.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Future meetings - October 19, January 18, April 19 (subject to change)

A spreadsheet of business expenses incurred by the Executive Director was distributed for Board review. These included computer, software, screen, printer-scanner, zoom meeting fees, legal fees, and additional hard drives. A motion was made seconded and unanimously approved for reimbursement of \$4198.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting (including simultaneous JMUC meeting) was adjourned at 10:08 AM.

Secretary   
Jeremy Parsons, Ozark