

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
CLIFTON WATER DISTRICT**

**August 5, 2021**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dale Peck-Chairman, Stan Sparks-Vice Chair, Melvin Diffendaffer-Secretary, Michael Slauson-Treasurer, and Dan Mcelley-Director

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dale Tooker, David Reinertsen, Michelle Obadia, Angie Beebe, Jake Lenihan, Branden Edmonds, Tyler Lehmann and Cameron Deppe

**Public Hearing:**

Chairman Peck called to order the Public Hearing at 5:00 p.m. to consider the Petitions of Inclusion submitted by Colorado Mesa University, 330 Whitewater Hill Rd, Grand Junction, CO 81503 and Murray and Lisa Thiessen, 346 32 ½ Road, Palisade, CO 81526. The Notice of Public Hearing (07-15-21 File, Notices & Legal Ads, Daily Sentinel Legal Notices, Inclusions) was confirmed as published in the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel in accordance with C.R.S. 32-1-401. Manager Tooker reported that no comments have been received regarding the Petition of Inclusion from members of the public. No members of the public were present. Chairman Peck closed the Public Hearing at 5:03 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chairman Peck called the August 5, 2021, Regular Meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 1, 2021, REGULAR MEETING**

Director Slauson moved to approve the July 1, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes. Director Diffendaffer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, 2021, SPECIAL MEETING /STUDY SESSION**

Director Slauson moved to approve the July 7, 2021, Special Meeting/Study Session Minutes. Director Diffendaffer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 28, 2021, SPECIAL MEETING /STUDY SESSION**

Director Slauson moved to approve the July 28, 2021, Special Meeting/Study Session Minutes. Director Diffendaffer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Director Slauson moved to accept the Financial Report and Approve Accounts Payable Regular Checks of \$132,407.52, plus Supplemental Checks of \$46,930.72, plus Benefits Checks of

\$32,287.04, plus HRA Disbursements of \$3,605.47, for a total of \$215,230.75. Director Diffendaffer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Tooker reviewed the June 2021 Manager's Report (*August-05-2021, File, Manager's Report*).

### **INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

Manager Tooker presented a video of the recent flashflood from the Pine Gulch burn area showing fire debris flowing down Kimball Creek to the Colorado River. The video clearly showed the amount of burn debris that significantly affected the water quality of the Colorado River. The resulting turbidity and fire debris was at historic levels never observed by District Staff. The Water Treatment Plant and Staff did an excellent job adjusting to the adverse conditions while maintaining production and water quality to District customers.

### **EXPRESS AGENDA**

Director Diffendaffer made the motion to approve the Express Agenda items as presented. Director Slauson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Express Agenda items are as follows:

SDA Annual Conference – The SDA Annual Conference will be held in Keystone, CO, September 14-16, 2021. Board Members interesting in attending contact Michelle Obadia for reservations and registration.

*Note: The Board Members decided to attend the 2021 SDA Annual Conference online virtually in the District Conference Board Room.*

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Drought Activity – Assistant Manager Reinertsen presented an Informational Report (*08-05-2021 File, Staff Reports, Drought Response Plan 2021*) summarizing the current Drought status. The Western Region of Colorado continues to be in D3- Extreme Drought and D4- Exceptional Drought conditions. The Federal Government is releasing water from Blue Mesa Reservoir and Flaming Gorge Reservoir to supplement Lake Powell water levels. The latest update from the Historic Users Pool (HUP) management group, indicates a reservoir release strategy that will maintain releases through October 2021, at a rate that meets the minimum water user needs. Staff prepared updated information reviewing possible watering restrictions, messaging, and conditions for implementing Emergency Water Rates. Due to the recent precipitation and extension of the HUP water until November, Staff recommended that no action be taken to implement Emergency Water Rates or watering restrictions at this time.

Staff will continue to work with Growl to tie local conditions to the messages they are sending out to the public as it relates to regional, basin-wide conditions.

Inclusion Request - Colorado Mesa University, 330 Whitewater Hill Road, Tax Parcel ID 2967-021-00-001 – The Board reviewed the Inclusion request by Colorado Mesa University. Director Mcelley moved to approve the Petition for Inclusion for the property identified as Tax Parcel # 2967-021-00-001, commonly known as 330 Whitewater Hill Road, Grand Junction, CO 81503 to be included within the District’s boundary. Director Sparks seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Director Mcelley moved to adopt the Resolution 2021-03 to Include Private Property (*8/5/21 File, Resolutions, Inclusions*). as submitted and authorize Staff to process the Certificate of Inclusion and all necessary paperwork for the District’s legal counsel to complete the inclusion process with the District Court. Director Sparks seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Resolution text is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2021-03  
RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE PRIVATE PROPERTY**

WHEREAS on June 14, 2021, Colorado Mesa University, petitioned the Clifton Water District Board of Directors to include property within the boundaries of the Clifton Water District generally described as follows:

Recorded in Book GEN 5252 Page 92 of the Mesa County Clerk and Recorded on 1/25/2012, more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL – Tax Schedule ID #2967-021-00-001, commonly known as GOVT LOTS 6 & 9 DEPENDENT RESURVEY NO 278230 DATED 10-13-2011 & NSNE4SW4NE4 AND N2NW4SE4NE4 SEC 2 2S 1E UM – 78.79AC or 3340 Whitewater Hill Road, Grand Junction, CO 81503.

WHEREAS said owner desires domestic water service from the Clifton Water District, and,

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Clifton Water District has determined that it is in the District’s best interest to include the stated property within the District’s boundaries; and

WHEREAS the District has previously included other Orchard Mesa properties into the District’s the service boundaries.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Clifton Water District Board of Directors approve the inclusion of the said property as described above, adopt the Order dated August 5, 2021, and authorize the Secretary and President of the Board to sign the Certificate of Inclusion and Order dated August 5, 2021.

Chairman Peck and Secretary Diffendaffer certified by signing the Certificate for Inclusion granted by Resolution 2021-03, Colorado Mesa University Parcel No. 2967-021-00-001 be included within the boundaries of the Clifton Water District and was unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors.

Inclusion Request – Murray D. and Lisa G. Thiessen, 346 32 ½ Road, Tax ID Number 2943-234-00-069 – The Board reviewed the Inclusion request by Murray D. and Lisa G. Thiessen. Director Mcelley moved to approve the Petition for Inclusion for the property identified as Tax Parcel # 2943-234-00-069, commonly known as 346 32 ½ Road, Palisade, CO 81526 to be included within the District’s boundary. Director Sparks seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Director Mcelley moved to adopt the Resolution 2021-04 to Include Private Property (8/5/21File, Resolutions, Inclusions) as submitted and authorize Staff to process the Certificate of Inclusion and all necessary paperwork for the District’s legal counsel to complete the inclusion process with the District Court. Director Sparks seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Resolution text is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2021-04  
RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE PRIVATE PROPERTY**

WHEREAS on June 7, 2021, Murray D and Lisa G. Thiessen, petitioned the Clifton Water District Board of Directors to include property within the boundaries of the Clifton Water District generally described as follows:

A tract of land more particularly described as follows and as recorded in Book GEN 2033 Page760 of the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder on 12/15/1993:

PARCEL – Tax Schedule ID #2943-234-00-069, commonly known as 346 32 ½ Road, Palisade, CO 81526.

A parcel of land situated in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 1 East of the Ute Meridian, Mesa County, Colorado and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Center Quarter Corner of said Section 23 from whence the Center South Sixteenth Corner of Section 23 bears S0° 14'23"W a distance of 1319.69 feet for a Basis of Bearings, all bearings herein related thereto; thence S0° 14'23"W along the West line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 23 a distance of 176.03 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence leaving said line N89°41 '24"E a distance of 292.53 feet; thence S63 °52'36"E a distance of 189.20; thence S0° 17'25 '1 W a distance of 399.86 feet to a point on the South Line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 23; thence S89 °43'24"W along said South line a distance of 462.40 feet to a point on the West line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 23; thence N0° 14'23"E a distance of 483.82 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel of land contains 4.97 acres as described.

WHEREAS said owner desires domestic water service from the Clifton Water District, and,

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Clifton Water District has determined that it is in the District’s best interest to include the stated property within the District’s boundaries; and

WHEREAS the District has previously included other Orchard Mesa properties into the District’s the service boundaries.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Clifton Water District Board of Directors approve the inclusion of the said property as described above, adopt the Order dated August 5, 2021, and authorize the Secretary and President of the Board to sign the Certificate of Inclusion and Order dated August 5, 2021.

Chairman Peck and Secretary Diffendaffer certified by signing the Certificate for Inclusion granted by Resolution 2021-04, Murray D. and Lisa G. Thiessen Parcel No. 2943-234-00-069 be included within the boundaries of the Clifton Water District and was unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors.

Project 2020-01 AWIA Evaluation – Phase 2 Emergency Response Plan – The District has initiated the second phase of the AWIA Evaluation with Black & Veatch Engineering to update the District’s Emergency Response Plan. The completed Emergency Response Plan is due December 31, 2021, to the US EPA. Black & Veatch will make a presentation to The Board in October. No action taken, informational only.

Manager Position – The Board will be entering into a candidate search for the Manager’s Position following Manager Tooker’s retirement announcement. Advertisements will be made with an application deadline of September 1, 2021. Director Slauson moved to hold a Special Meeting/Study Session at 4:00 pm, Monday, August 23, 2021, to review the candidate search. Director Mcelley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Designate Person to Prepare 2022 District Budget – By statute, the Board must appoint an individual to prepare the District’s FY 2022 Budget. Director Sparks made a motion to appoint Manager Tooker to prepare the FY 2022 Budget. Director Diffendaffer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Manager’s Evaluation – September is the month for the Manager’s review. No action taken, informational only.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Peck.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Stan Sparks

  
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