



## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**February 24, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**

62 Plaza Drive Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

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### **Call to Order**

Regular Meeting

Highlands Ranch Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors convened a regular meeting in person and via Zoom on February 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

Upon the call of the roll, the following were present.

Board Members: Tammy Essmeier, Terry Nolan, SJ Light, Frank Johns, and Frank McNulty

A quorum was declared.

Staff present:

Sam Calkins

Austin Long (via Zoom)

Ryan Edwards

Peter Bong

Jon Klassen

Julie Tinetti

Ross James (via Zoom)

Tiffany Hooten

Stacy Smith

Others present:

Tim Flynn – Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe, PC

Stefani Vonholtum-Niesents – PFM Asset Management LLC

Greg Woodward and Juli Faller - members of the public

### **Reaffirmation of Disclosures**

- No changes

### **Introductory Comments**

- Board Members  
Board member Johns attended the Water Commission Meeting and shared that the committee is reviewing stakeholder involvement and will be contacting the districts. The committee will also be doing some informational presentations by water suppliers to include Parker, Castle Rock and Dominion. Board member McNulty would like the district to follow up on information regarding the committee of experts they put together.
- General Manager  
General Manager Calkins informed the board that the district will meet with Douglas County OEM tomorrow regarding wildfires. In regard to board member Light's inquiry about the PFAS litigation, Dupont and 3M have settled and will start to make payments in the next twelve months. The District is included in the payout, however the amount has not been determined. The new billing system will go live on March 6<sup>th</sup> with postcards being delivered to residents this week. Those set up on autopay will need to set it up again in the new system. The deadline for self-nominations is this Friday. So far, we have six nominations with the names being shared after the lot drawing.

### **Public Comments/Questions**

- No public comments.

### **Presentations**

- Quarterly Investment Update – PFM Asset Management LLC
- Preliminary Year-End Financials – Heather Morgan (**Deferred**)
- Legislative Updates – Julie Tinetti  
Board member McNulty commented on HB25-1211 (special district tap fees) stating he feels this bill will be very dynamic and would be careful supporting any version of it until we know what it looks like and doesn't feel like it is our fight to pick. Board member Johns commented that he agrees with Frank and the less they do in this area the better. Board member McNulty commented on HB25-1099 requesting answers about what would happen to our discharge permit if this became state law. This bill if pass would require the Water Quality Control Commission to issue written guidance in the development of TMDL's for water bodies. Board member McNulty commented on HB25-1113 which would expand the prohibition against the use of artificial or non-functional turf in certain residential areas, stating he typically does not support bills that tie our hands. The board's recommendation is to monitor this bill.

### **Discussion Items**

- No Items

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Board of Directors Minutes January 27, 2025

- Study Session Minutes February 18, 2025

Board member McNulty moved that the board approve the minutes from January 27, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting, and February 18, 2025, Study Session Meeting as submitted. Board member Nolan seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Board Members Essmeier, Nolan, Light, Johns, and McNulty

Nays: None

The motion carried.

### **Approval of Business Agenda**

Board member Johns moved that the board approve the business agenda. Board member Light seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Board Members Essmeier, Nolan, Light, Johns, and McNulty

Nays: None

The motion carried.

### **Consent Items**

25-104

Adopt Resolution 25-104 with the following actions:

- Approval of an appropriation of \$365,000 for engineering services related to the design of the Water Treatment Plant Improvements – Phase 2 project.
- Authorization for the General Manager to enter into a Consulting Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$329,540 for engineering services for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements – Phase 2 project.

25-105

Ratify January 2025 cash and investment transactions (including expenditures).

Board member Light moved that the board approve consent business items 25-104, and 25-105, inclusive. Board member Essmeier seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Board Members Essmeier, Nolan, Light, Johns, and McNulty

Nays: None

The motion carried.

### **General Business**

- No Items

### **Executive Session**

- No Items

**Adjourn**

Board member Essmeier moved the board to adjourn. Board member Light seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Board Members Essmeier, Nolan, Light, Johns, and McNulty

Nays: None

The motion carried and the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.