



WATER COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024

MINUTES

Monday, April 22, 2024

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Hearing Room

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Jack Hilbert, Chair, called the meeting to order and asked staff to call roll.

PRESENT: Chair, Jack Hilbert (Dist. I)
Vice Chair, Donald Langley (Dist. I)
Regular Member James Eklund (Dist. I)
Regular Member Clark Hammelman (Dist. II)
Regular Member Jim Maras (Dist. II) (Attended Virtually)
Regular Member Roger Hudson (Dist. II)
Regular Member Evan Ela (Dist. III)
Regular Member Frank Johns (Dist. III)
Regular Member Harold Smethills (Dist. III)
At-Large Tricia Bernhardt
At-Large Sean Tonner

2. Approval of Water Commission Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2024

Jack Hilbert, Chair, asked for any comments on the April 25, 2024, Water Commission Meeting Minutes. James Eklund stated that he was in attendance virtually at 3:30 p.m. He also noted that he voted aye on item c. Discussion of HB14-1362 Measures to Incentivize Graywater.

Jack Hilbert, Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes with the two corrections provided.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Hudson
SECONDER: Eklund
AYES: Hilbert, Langley, Eklund, Hammelman, Hudson, Ela, Johns, Smethills, Bernhardt, Tonner
NAYS: None

3. Member Discussion (10 Min)

Jack Hilbert, Chair, opened member discussion. General discussion was had about the Douglas County Water Plan.

4. Discussion and Action Items

a. County Water Plan Scope of Services Review Comments

Commission members Tricia Bernhardt, Clark Hammelman, Harold Smethills, Frank Johns, and Don Langley provided overview of their review comments.

Jack Hilbert proposed a discussion around next steps and whether or not the commission should ask staff to begin a phased approach for the County Water Plan Scope as suggested by Donald Langley. Jack suggested an outlined high-level view of what each phase might incorporate and request the consultants to provide data.

Sean Tonner agreed with the phased approach and suggested including Tricia's bullets in the draft Water Plan as part of phase one.

Roger Hudson suggested exploring grants to help aid in this effort. Staff confirmed that they are aware of grants and are prepared to further explore those.

Harold Smethills suggested a need for a fresh look at the aquifer.

Donald Langley clarified which of Tricia's bullets from her notes are to be included in Phase 1. The commission clarified that this would include an assessment of the current and future water, a robust analysis of groundwater, and to identify alternative sources of water.

Jack Hilbert recommended members Don Langley, Sean Tonner and Tricia Bernhardt work as a subcommittee to create the phased approach outline with staff and to compile all of the existing data. Once that is complete, the subcommittee would present it to the commission for consideration and then create an RFP to find a consultant to aid fulfilling those proposed ideas and strategies.

Member Hudson motioned to create a subcommittee for a phased approach consisting of members Don Langley, Sean Tonner and Tricia Bernhardt.

Member Tonner seconded the motion.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Hudson
SECONDER:	Tonner
AYES:	Hilbert, Langley, Hammelman, Hudson, Smethills, Bernhardt, Tonner, Ela, Johns, Maras, Eklund
NAYS:	None

5. Adjournment

Jack Hilbert, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.