



WATER COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024

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Monday, October 28, 2024

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Hearing Room

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Jack Hilbert, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

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

2. Approval of Water Commission Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2024

Jack Hilbert, Chair, asked for any comments or a motion for the September 23, 2024, Water Commission Meeting Minutes.

Roger Hudson moved to approve the September 23, 2024, minutes.

Harold Smethills seconded.

RESULT:	APPROVED
AYES:	Hilbert, Langley, Conway, Hammelman, Hudson, Smethills, Tonner, Bernhardt
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN	Ela, Maras

3. Referral Items for Possible Consideration – a “No Comment” will be provided for any and all items unless the Commission indicates otherwise

- a. SB2024-048 – Range Preliminary Plan
- b. MI2024-026 – Established District Determination – Dominion Water and Sanitation District

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Regular Member James Eklund joined the meeting remotely.

Jack Hilbert, Chair, asked if any member would like to provide comment.

Tricia Bernhardt asked to provide comment on both items as they are related. Dominion is planning to serve the Range development with water. The issue is the demand standard and the request to change the demand standard from what is in 18A of the Zoning Resolution, from .75 to .25. She believes the members need to discuss whether this is appropriate to change what is in 18A. The issue is by reducing the demand standard it allows for more development.

Harold Smethills disclosed he is a Director of Dominion Water and Sanitation and recused himself from the Dominion item. He commented on the Range Preliminary Plan item which he thought would clean up environmental issues in Plum Creek and provide a water source for Louviers.

Jack Hilbert stated the comments will be summarized by staff and provided to the Board of County Commissioners.

4. Discussion and Action Items

a. Proposed 2025 Water Commission Public Meeting Schedule

Jack Hilbert, Chair, stated this will be the schedule for 2025 unless additional meetings are scheduled.

b. Water Plan RFP Update

Kati Carter, Assistant Director of Planning Resources, provided an update on the RFP process.

Jack Hilbert further explained the process and making a recommendation on the consultant to the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration.

The Commission members discussed the process and lawsuit at the Colorado Supreme Court potentially having an impact on development of the water plan.

Regular Member James Eklund left the meeting.

5. Information Items

a. Review of Thornton Water Project

Kati Carter, Assistant Director of Planning Resources, stated this was added to the agenda as an informational item per the request of a Commissioner.

The Commission members discussed the project.

6. Member Discussion

There was none.

7. Adjournment

Jack Hilbert declared the meeting adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.