



WATER COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025

MINUTES

Monday, February 24, 2025

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Hearing Room

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Hilbert called the meeting to order at 3:45 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)
Regular Member Clark Hammelman (Dist. II)
Regular Member Roger Hudson (Dist. II)
Regular Member Evan Ela (Dist. III) (*remote*)
Regular Member Mickey Conway (Dist. III)
At-Large Sean Tonner
At-Large Tricia Bernhardt

2. Approval of Water Commission Meeting Minutes from January 27, 2025

Chair Hilbert asked for comments or a motion for the January 27, 2025, Water Commission Meeting Minutes.

James Eklund moved to approve the January 27, 2025, meeting minutes.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	James Eklund
SECONDER:	Clark Hammelman
AYES:	Hilbert, Langley, Hudson, Ela, Conway, Tonner, Bernhardt, Eklund, Hammelman
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

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

- a. SB2024-043 – Pinery Village Filing 1, 1st Amendment
- b. SB2022-038 – Stone Creek Ranch Filing 1, 2nd Amendment

No comments were provided.

4. Discussion and Action Items

- a. **Attachment** - Water Plan Kick-Off – Forsgren Associates, Inc.

Representatives from Forsgren Associates Inc. (Forsgren) presented an overview of the 2050 Comprehensive Douglas County Water Plan scope of services to the Commission. They introduced themselves, outlined their roles in the project, and provided an overview of the Water Plan development plan and scope of services, including the various phases involved, schedule and timelines.

The Board asked questions of Forsgren representatives, covering topics such as public outreach strategies, stakeholder input, engagement with individual well owners, data gathering, multiple growth scenarios, the use of modeling technology, gap analysis and solutions, working meetings with the Water Commission, and public open houses to present the finalized Water Plan. The discussion also addressed the project schedule and next steps in the planning process.

- b. Upcoming Informational Sessions

Chair Hilbert presented the schedule for upcoming information sessions and discussed potential future meetings.

5. Information Items

Chair Hilbert shared two information items prepared by County staff with the Commission:

- a. **Attachment** – 2025 Legislative Session Summary
b. **Attachment** – Grant Funding Opportunities

6. Member Discussion

Member Tonner shared his experience attending the Water Congress, highlighting key takeaways on the Colorado River. Member Eklund provided staff with additional grant opportunities to consider.

7. Adjournment

Chair Hilbert declared the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.