



**Tri-State Water Resource Coalition**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**January 18, 2023**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Tri-State Water Resource Coalition was called to order at The Casino, 101 South Lincoln, Monett Missouri on January 18, 2023, at 9:06 a.m. by Steve Stodden, President. The Tri State meeting was concurrent with the JMUC meeting.

**SELF INTRODUCTIONS**

**Board Members Present:**

Kendall Powell, Branson  
Jason Choate, Carthage  
Steve Stodden, City Utilities of Springfield  
Skip Schaller, Monett,  
Dustin Davis, Mt. Vernon  
Travis Cossey, Nixa  
Jeremy Parsons, Ozark  
Garrett Brickner, Republic via Zoom  
Michael D. Beatty, Liberty  
Roddy Rogers, Executive Director-SWMO

**In Attendance:**

Mike Weller, DNR  
Elizabeth Kerby, DNR  
TJ Whatley, City Utilities (CU) via Zoom  
Jennifer Henggeler, COE via Zoom  
Bob Wilson, City Utilities via Zoom  
John Fortuna, Jones and Fortuna  
Lewis Jones, Jones and Fortuna  
Chad Johnson, CDM Smith  
JW Hackworth, Liberty  
Phil Walsack, Burns and McDonnell  
Kerry Scott, Olsson  
Jason Stutesman, Nixa  
Jane Hood SWMO Council of Governments via Zoom  
Andrea Collier, Barr Engineering via Zoom  
Megan Rivera, Hazen via Zoom  
Joel Alexander, CU via Zoom

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## **COE Report -Jennifer Henggeler**

Jen reported that the reallocation report is in final policy review by COE personnel in both the Hydraulic Division in Portland and at HQ in DC. (it was forwarded to HQ on November 23, 2023). She anticipates comments back by the end of January.

Once the payment for preliminary studies is cashed, they will be ready to solicit and establish contracts to perform the aerial photography, environmental and archaeological, and timing/permitting studies. Likely will miss the winter window for the photography (when the leaves are off the trees) so will target next fall.

(Jen did not include the updated cost of storage in her report because she had reported to us via phone call with Roddy that the new cost has increased from \$33 million to \$42 million. They have 3 months to review and a Director's report could follow in February. ASA Michael Connor is aware of the coming report.

It is possible these targets could get moved back pending issues yet to be discussed with the COE.)

Roddy suggested each entity talk to decision makers with amount of storage desired and cost and try to get some indication of whether or not their entity would be planning to take and pay for water storage.

## **DNR-Michael-Weller**

Request for \$325,000 from DNR multipurpose fund to match COE funding of \$325,000 for Corridor, Environmental, Hydraulic, and Permit studies has been received and deposited in the JMUC account. Michael stated they were glad to hear those multipurpose funds are on the way to being put to good use for the technical studies. He also reported that the Multipurpose funding is still in place and healthy.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Roddy provided additional info to Forvis (formerly BKD) for determining tax status. Since we have switched to the JMUC receiving more of the dues revenue, that entity will need to file taxes. We have not in the past because revenues were below the \$50,000 threshold.

Held multiple meetings with Jones and Fortuna and Gilmore and Bell on reallocation contracts as well as JMUC contracts with individual entities. Some of these included discussions with the COE.

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Held multiple meetings/phone calls with COE on Reallocation Report and Reallocation Contract and costs.

Web Sites—being managed by Kim Spradling. One site under umbrella of SWMO Water. Can access both JMUC and Coalition information. The modified site is not live yet but will be.

Presented to Leadership Springfield on October 25.

Annual Water Conference- Nov 1 Darr Center—"Establishing Resilience"— Financials passed out. 149 enrolled. Cleared nearly \$8000. Good media coverage. Good review comments as well as areas to improve.

Roddy asked for reimbursement of annual fee for Adobe--\$239.88. It was set up for automatic renewal on Roddy's personal credit card before having a business credit card. Asking for approval of reimbursement. Board approved.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

All Dues—sent out—Still several outstanding (Joplin, MoAm, Willard, Mt Vernon, City of Springfield, Jasper County, Stone County, Pierce City). Ozark and Republic still pending their board actions RE joining JMUC. Branson payment pending fiscal year budget timing.

2023 Meetings-- April 19, July 19, October 18

### **CLOSED MEETING – Executive Committee**

Contractual and legal discussions will be held in closed session, and only actions resulting from closed meeting will be included in the public minutes.

A motion to go into concurrent closed executive session with the JMUC was made by Jason Choate, seconded by Travis Cossey and approved by the Tri State Board. This motion was also to adjourn back into the regular meetings upon conclusion of the closed session.

A break was taken to allow non-Board members to depart from the meeting.


See closed meeting minutes.

Open meeting was resumed at about 11:40 a.m.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at about 11:42 am by virtue of the earlier approved motion by Jason Choate (JMUC and Tri State)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Beatty". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Michael D. Beatty, Secretary