

CITY OF CLOVIS
VIRTUAL WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA

8:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 12, 2021

DUE TO GOVERNOR LUJAN GRISHAM'S ORDER LIMITING THE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES AT GATHERINGS, THE WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO VIEW THE MEETING ON SUDDENLINK CHANNEL 10, WWW.CITYOFCLOVIS.ORG AND FACEBOOK AT CITY OF CLOVIS, NM (CITY GOVERNMENT) AND TO CALL IN QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE TO (575) 763-9200, WHICH WILL BE SHARED WITH THE BOARD.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes of October 13, 2020
4. Update regarding Playa Lakes Joint Venture activities, Christopher Rustay, Conservation Delivery Manager
5. Update regarding continuance of quarter percent ($\frac{1}{4}\%$) tax dedicated to financing the City of Clovis obligation to the Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority, for the Ute Pipeline Project, Justin Howalt
6. Update regarding the reuse system and new tower, Justin Howalt
7. Discussion regarding 2021 spring/summer water conservation activities, Kelsey Knight
8. Updates
 - EPCOR Update – Mark Huerta
 - City Update – Justin Howalt
 - ENMWUA – Orlando Ortega
9. For the good of the order
 - Date & Time of next meeting
10. Adjournment

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
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The City of Clovis Water Policy Advisory Committee met in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 12, 2021 in the North Annex, Clovis-Carver Library, 701 N. Main in full conformity with the laws of the State of New Mexico and the ordinances and resolutions of said city with the following members present:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Bryant, Chairman
Commissioner Lauren Rowley
Commissioner Leo Lovett
Mr. Harry Pomeroy, City resident
Mr. Raymond Mondragon, City resident

ABSENT:

Commissioner Fidel Madrid, Vice-Chair
Mr. Vince Demaio, County resident
County Commissioner Chet Spear

EX-OFFICIO PRESENT:

Mr. Justin Howalt, City Manager
Mayor Mike Moris
Mr. Mark Huerta, EPCOR

ALSO PRESENT:

Vicki Reyes, Assistant City Clerk
Mr. Orlando Ortega, ENMWUA Director
Christopher Rustay, Playa Lakes Joint Ventures

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and established the presence of a quorum.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Approval of Minutes of October 13, 2020

Commissioner Rowley made a motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020 as presented; Commissioner Lovett seconded the motion. With the exception of Mr. Mondragon, who abstained, the motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Update regarding Playa Lakes Joint Venture activities

Christopher Rustay, Playa Lakes Joint Venture, advised part of their people oriented mission involves finding ways for conservation for wildlife but also for people and wildlife. They made contact with the City of Clovis 5 years ago and saw a good place for them to work on playa conservation. Their priority has been to ensure that the playas work in concert with restoring playas and getting water for the City of Clovis and Curry County and Cannon Air Force Base. Part of the plan is removing sediment, planting a grass buffer and removing pits in the centers of playas. They have 128 acres of playa restoration completed, an additional 50 playas contracted and 48 acres still in negotiations. They have 63 acres of playa buffers to make sure the work

they do is protected. There are 12 playas currently enrolled with 9 landowners and they have committed over \$300,000 in funds from National Fish & Wildlife Foundation and federal funds through the Pittman Robinson Act.

If anyone is interested in how much water these playas are contributing once restored they have developed an estimator on the website, estimator.pljv.org. He will send the powerpoint to Mr. Howalt to forward to the committee.

Mr. Rustay advised they will need some sort of non-federal match, either in-kind or actual cash. The Department of Game & Fish has indicated that they are very willing to apply for additional funds if they can find additional non-federal match. For every dollar of non-federal match that you can apply results in \$3 federal dollars being spent.

Mr. Howalt advised he has been working with Mr. Rustay and the Department of Game & Fish. They were looking at improvements to Priebe Playa, which is located on Llano Estacado and Thornton, and originally the requirements were to put an easement in perpetuity. They didn't want to enter into a contractual agreement for that. They are currently working to develop an MOU or MOA on what potential restrictions would be placed on this if they move forward.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Update regarding continuance of quarter percent (1/4%) tax dedicated to financing the City of Clovis obligation to the Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority for the Ute Pipeline Project

Mr. Howalt advised in 2011 the community passed this GRT that was dedicated to the ENMRWA that helps pay for membership contributions to the Authority. It had a 10-year sunset clause and they are now at that 10 years. They need to continue with the GRT to continue to pay those membership contributions. The tax was reintroduced at the last city commission meeting and will be up for adoption in February. The tax is 100% dedicated to the Water Authority and their current membership contributions are \$1.6 million based off the water utility authority's finance plan. The current tax generates \$1.8 million and they do have reserves built up in those funds. At some point in time, the tax may not generate enough to cover membership contributions so then they would be able to utilize the reserves in those funds. They added an additional sunset of another 10 years so it will have to be reconsidered at that time.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Update regarding the reuse system and new tower

Mr. Howalt advised they have continued to work on the Effluent Reuse Project. The tower is not complete, but it is up. The Power Cat is displayed on the tower pointing towards the high school for the majority of the community to be able to see. Landmark Contractors has some welding to complete and then will turn it back over to K. Barnett on January 14 to work on interior piping as well as a chlorination room. Landmark Contractors will be back in March to complete painting. The estimated completion is the end of April/beginning of May.

The City of Clovis had the passing of Ruben Alfaro, Assistant Superintendent for wastewater. He has been an intrical part of this project. He provided the day to day oversight on construction, was involved with developing the plans and had been onsite every day. He would

like to dedicate the elevated storage tank to Mr. Alfaro and recognize him in some sort. Mr. Mondragon advised that would be a great idea to dedicate the tank to him.

Agenda Item No. 7 – Discussion regarding 2021 spring/summer water conservation activities

Ms. Kelsey Knight advised everyone was emailed a list of conservation activities that were done in past years. They are going to keep some of that, but they may have to be adjusted due to health orders. Ms. Knight went over the list of activities that are being planned for the spring/summer water conservation program. She advised their online presence this year will be very important. She is planning to update the website with links to EPCOR and different ways the community can conserve water. She will post something once a week on the city's facebook on tips to conserve water and the ordinances in place relating to conserving water. She asked for any suggestions to be sent to her, Ms. Burroughes or Ms. Reyes by the end of the month. Mayor Pro Tem Bryant advised they need to be heavy on PSA's and online presence. He thanked EPCOR for partnering with the city and doing what they can with rebates.

Agenda Item No. – Updates

EPCOR Update

Mr. Huerta advised the September average was 4.2 million gallons. They upgraded 60+ wells and 3 booster pump stations in 2020. They maintained a total of 746 system valves that located throughout the city, added a total of 5,000 feet of new mains, 1200 feet of 8-inch which is part of Hampton inn and Homewood Suites, changed out approximately 250 feet of aged 2-inch main at the Department of Motor Vehicle and replaced that with 6-inch PVC EPCOR maintained 782 hydrants, 3 were replaced, 8 new hydrants were installed with 6 being part of the US 60/84 project. Upcoming they have a large project starting this month with J&H Services. They will install a new transmission line from the current Sandia high tank, located on Echols and Lore, that will run to Greene Acres Lake.

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant asked how many wells they have online. Mr. Huerta advised they have around 64 wells online. Mr. Howalt asked if that was a reduction in wells. Mr. Huerta advised they have 64 company owned wells and 11 leased wells. Mr. Mondragon asked if that included the contaminated wells and what the status was. Mr. Huerta advised it does include those. They continue to monitor and have not seen any increase. They only use them when they have to.

Mr. Howalt asked about line extension agreements. Mr. Huerta advised the LSA's are the same as they have been. The developer will pay for the cost of the line extensions to serve the development and that includes fire protection. There is a mechanism that allows for a rebate back to the developer. Mr. Howalt asked if the rebate has changed. Mr. Huerta advised not much.

City Update

Mr. Howalt advised phase 2 of the Effluent Reuse is the extension around the Allsup's headquarters on Thornton going north to Barry Elementary, continuing north to Gattis Middle

School, and east down Wilhite to Colonial Park. They will be bidding the pond portion in the next couple of weeks, which will be about 15 feet deep. They are waiting on survey information for the transmission line. Once they complete this phase they will have the infrastructure in. They will have to go back to see how much estimated work they have to get to all of the end users. Mr. Mondragon asked if there would be security fencing and signage. Mr. Howalt advised they designed it with a flatter slope to 2 feet below water depth and then they steepen the slopes. They do this in case someone does fall into the pond they will be able to crawl out. They would not have security fencing because of the slopes, but they will have signage.

ENMWUA

Mr. Ortega advised Finished Water 2 was completed in October 2020, which is a 7 1/2 mile portion of the pipeline that begins northwest of Cannon and continues south and east to the Clovis water system. It connects to Cannon water system with a 16-inch DIP lateral pipeline. Finished water 3 is 100% designed and engineered. This phase will be 16.8 miles of 20-inch PVC and DIP transmission pipeline from FW2 to the City of Portales water storage system. The estimated cost is \$3.6 million and they hope to go out to bid mid-February. They are currently working on FW1 which is 90% design and easement acquisition. This will be shovel ready in 12 months. The pipeline is 15 miles of 39-inch welded steel pipe and runs north/south connecting with FW2 and reaching the future water treatment plant location. They are working with Texico lateral alignment study and will complete within 12 months.

Mr. Mondragon asked Mr. Ortega if he saw any major changes in funding. Mr. Ortega advised 75% of the project is funded by the federal government. They are in constant contact and working on strategies on funding for the next fiscal year. They have always had great success with federal delegation.

Agenda Item No. 9 – For the good of the order

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant advised the next scheduled meeting would be February 9.

Agenda Item No. 10 – Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

**CITY OF CLOVIS
WATER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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**8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

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Mayor Pro Tem Chris Bryant, Chairman
Commissioner Lauren Rowley
Mr. Harry Pomeroy, City resident
Mr. Mondragon, City resident (via telephone)
Dr. Marcus Smith, City resident
Mr. Vince Demaio, County resident
County Commissioner Chet Spear

ABSENT:

Commissioner Leo Lovett
Commissioner Fidel Madrid

EX-OFFICIO PRESENT:

Mr. Justin Howalt, City Manager
Mayor Mike Morris
Mr. Mark Huerta, EPCOR

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Vicki Reyes, Assistant City Clerk
Mr. Orlando Ortega, ENMWUA Director (via telephone)

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and established the presence of a quorum. He welcomed Dr. Marcus Smith to the committee.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Approval of minutes of January 12, 2021

Commissioner Rowley made a motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2021 as presented; Mr. Pomeroy seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Updates

EPCOR Update

Mr. Mark Huerta advised average daily system delivery for March was 4.3 million gallons, which is 44% pumping capacity. The sandia to north 40 project on 21st street is moving along and they are a little ahead of schedule. That was to bring water from the wells that go from the sandia high tank to the north 40 station. EPCOR are onboarding new lease wells and getting ready for the spring and summer pumping season. During the severe weather last month, they had a lot of main breaks.

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant asked about the summer rebate programs. Mr. Huerta advised they have the toilet rebate, high efficiency clothes washer rebate and the landscape rebates. They also added the rain catch barrel rebates. Information is on the website and they continue to do bill inserts, radio advertising and direct mailers.

Mr. Mondragon asked what happened during the cold weather event. Mr. Huerta advised main breaks can affect water pressure. They did have a couple of larger diameter lines that failed during the cold weather. The crews did a great job on repairs. They also had smaller leaks due to frozen and broken pipes. They had crews out non-stop.

City Update

Mr. Howalt advised they continue with construction on Phase 1D of the Reuse Project. They are currently working on the chlorine room which is contained within the elevated storage tank and the painters are back on site. They are very far ahead of schedule and should be completed by the end of next month or early May.

Phase 2, the pond project, was bid and the low bidder was K. Barnett. They have the pre-con scheduled for Wednesday of this week and they should be under construction in the next couple of weeks. They are going to pump the water from the pond they are doing construction on and move it to the north pond so they can store the water and then pump the water back to the south pond. The Phase 2 transmission line project is at 90% plan competition. As soon as they complete the review that will go out to bid as well. He will look at the budget and based on the bids they may be able to award the bid alternate that was part of the pond project. They planned to construct and rebuild both ponds on the back 9, however, not knowing what the transmission line was going to cost they only awarded the base bid.

The city is continuing to work on Water Conservation Month and are working with the school system. They have new equipment that will allow the students to record the ads and then they will work with the radio stations to have them broadcast.

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant advised April is Water Conservation Month. He asked the board to get the word out on how to conserve water.

ENMWUA Update

Mr. Orlando Ortega advised the Finished Water 2 pipeline construction has been ongoing for close to 2 years. It starts northwest of Cannon Air Force Base and goes east to the Clovis system connecting at Martin Luther King, Blvd. and Brady. They are closing out this project and issued a final completion certificate on February 24.

The next project under construction is Finished Water 3, which is the transmission connecting from Finished Water 2 and connecting to the Portales water system. They are looking at 16.8 miles of 20-inch pvc. The estimated construction cost is \$36.6 million and all of the funding is secure. They will construct this in two phases, phase one is 11.5 miles which covers 2/3 of the pipeline to Portales. Solicitation of bid for Finished Water 3A opened on March 4. On February 15 they got stakeholder approval for the project which allowed them to move forward with

approval from the Water Authority. On March 18 notice of intent on bids are due, March 23 was the pre bid conference, March 24 is an optional onsite visit which will be COVID safe, April 8 bid questions are due, April 28 bids are due and award of bid is TBD.

They are also currently working on Finished Water 1, which connects northwest of Cannon Air Force Base to Finished Water 2. This project is at 90% design and want to be shovel ready in 12 months. The estimated cost is \$61.7 million.

They are currently wrapping up the alignment study for the Texico lateral. Option 1 is connecting from Finished Water 2 and options 2 and 3 are connecting to the EPCOR system. They will make some determination on which option they choose very soon.

Mr. Howalt asked what the probable cost for Finished Water 1 was. Mr. Ortega said they updated the figures and details and as of last week it was \$61,738,000 and that includes all of the design work.

Agenda Item No. 5 – For the good of the order

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant asked Commissioner Spear to give an update on the land use establishment. Commissioner Spear advised Curry County are moving forward to establish a land trust in Curry County for the purpose of working with Cannon Air Force Base and their REPI program. They hope to preserve water in the Paleo Channel for Cannon Air Force Base and eventually they think it could be used for commercial use. Peter Nichols is the one attorney that has as much experience establishing land trust, water easements and purchase of water rights. He will be here on Tuesday and will give a short presentation on what he would expect and what he would like to do as far as getting the land trust established. To do that the County Commissioners agreed to have a working committee to assist Mr. Nichols in establishing goals. They will set up a five-member board which will consist of two County Commissioners, one Central Curry Water & Soil District member and two at large members. They will work with Delayne Bruce, representative from the US Department of Agriculture, Jeff Davis, Cannon Air Force Base and consultant Blake Prather and meet with the attorney to come up with a plan on how to establish the land trust. They are asking for interested persons to contact County Manager Lance Pyle by phone or email. They will invite those interested to the County Commission meeting on Tuesday to give a few comments on why they want to serve on the committee. The commission will select two members to serve.

Mayor Morris thanked the Water Policy Advisory Committee for their service on this committee. He advised the City Commission appointed him as a representative of the city should the county choose to have them as a representative. This is the first that he had heard about attending the County Commission meeting and advocating on behalf of the city, but he will attend. With the city being leader in all things water in the area then the city should have representation on such a committee and be in the flow of information. He stated water is complex and it takes everyone. They need less divisive language and more coming together. Commissioner Spear advised Mr. Pyle is supposed to contact everyone once he has a complete list of those interested in the at large positions regarding attending the meeting so that he can treat everyone the same.

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant advised the next meeting would be at 8:30 a.m., April 13.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

**CITY OF CLOVIS
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**8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

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Commissioner Lauren Rowley
Mr. Harry Pomeroy, City resident
Mr. Raymond Mondragon, City resident (virtual)
Dr. Marcus Smith, City resident
Mr. Vince Demaio, County resident
County Commissioner James Ridling (for Chet Spear)
Commissioner Fidel Madrid

ABSENT: Commissioner Leo Lovett

EX-OFFICIO PRESENT: Mr. Justin Howalt, City Manager
Mayor Mike Morris
Mr. Mark Huerta, EPCOR

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Vicki Reyes, Assistant City Clerk
Mr. Orlando Ortega, ENMWUA

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Approval of minutes of March 9, 2021

Mr. Pomeroy made a motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2021 as presented; Dr. Smith seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Update regarding land trust

Mayor Morris advised the City Commission chose to appoint him to a working committee that the County Commission formed to explore creating a land trust. They have had a couple of meetings and they are in the process of establishing a land trust. Once established he was not sure how the city would be involved. What is being discussed right now is that the city would hold a position on the board of the newly established land trust. The purpose of the land trust is to conserve groundwater and it is very specific in where it is aiming to do that, which is in the Paleo Channel northwest of Canon Air Force Base. Mayor Pro Tem Bryant advised the City does need to be involved and part of the discussion. Mayor Morris advised they all need to be working together on water conservation and water for the community for the future. Each entity needs to play their part in that. As mayor, he is focused on completing the Ute Pipeline project

and is grateful to the county for taking this on. It is possible that they will do this work while the city does the other. The City lost the County's partnership in the Ute Pipeline Project so it is possible the County will take on water banking and groundwater conservation work that the City is not involved in. Mayor Pro Tem Bryant advised Commissioner Spear made comments about how important water is to the community.

Mr. Demaio asked what the bases involvement in the committee was. Mayor Morris advised Jeff Davis, who is leading the application process with REPI, is sitting in on that and providing input. Curry Soil and Water Conservation partnering with the land trust will be the execution arm of the REPI program. The work of the land trust is to study the groundwater availability and make the deals on water rights and easements. Mr. Davis is clear that he can't carry out the work that the land trust seeks to do.

Mr. Demaio asked if the REPI dollars were the sole funding source for this or are there matching funds. Mayor Morris advised there are matching funds.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Update regarding Water Conservation Month

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant advised there is information available at city hall and the library. He attended a county meeting where Commissioner Ridling presented him with a water conservation proclamation. There are also ads on the radio that were prepared by students at the iAcademy.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Updates

EPCOR Update

Mr. Huerta advised for the month of March average delivery was 5.2 million gallons a day. They will see this pickup since there has not had any rain. They are preparing for the pumping season by getting all of their wells online. They still have the ongoing project on 21st street, but and are close to completion. All of the asphalt patching on the residential streets has been completed and then they will move to 21st street. They redid the traffic control to allow one west bound lane and it should stay in place until they are ready to open the road back up. If their milling machine makes it in today, they hope to be finished with that part by Friday.

EPCOR partners with the City on water conservation. They do radio spots, direct mailers, bill inserts and ads in the local paper. Richard Obenshein, EPCOR, gave a presentation to the City Commission at their last meeting. The rebate programs, toilet rebates, high efficiency washer rebates, rain water harvesting barrels and landscaping rebates are all available and applications can be found on EPCOR's website.

Dr. Smith asked how many wells they rested during the winter. Mr. Huerta stated they rest about a dozen. Dr. Smith asked if they were opened back up gradually. Mr. Huerta advised for example the Sandia high tank goes offline every winter so all of the wells that feed into that pump station get rest over the winter. they have a few lower producers that they will move to the bottom of the rotation.

City Update

Mr. Howalt advised they are continuing work on phase 1D of the reuse project. They are making a decision on what color they want to paint the pedestal and the purpose of the gray color is to help them remove graffiti. He showed pictures of the inside of the tank. The finish crew is scheduled to come out on the 23rd and will take another 20 days to finish the project then they will fill the tank. They will phase in filling the tank over several days rather than putting 100% of the water in the tank at one time.

They continue with phase 2 of the reuse project, which is the pond work at Colonial Park Golf Course. Excavation is ongoing and scheduled to wrap up the end of this week. The liner crews will be in at the end of the month. They are scheduled to finish lining the ponds by the beginning of May.

Phase 2 transmission line reuse from Allsup's headquarters north to Barry Elementary, Gattis Middle School and east to Colonial Park is out to bid. They are scheduled for a pre bid meeting on the 28th and will open bids on May 19th. PVC prices are up 108% so they built in three different options. In conversations with suppliers, they hope to see a decrease in pricing around the end of April or beginning of May. Once they receive the bids in May and if there are remaining funds then they will award the bid alternate.

ENMWUA Update

Mr. Ortega advised the finished water 2 project that connects Clovis and Cannon Air Force Base was completed 6-7 months ago. They officially closed that project out and last month they did a six month inspection. Finished water 3A is northwest of Cannon to Portales which is 1.5 miles of 20-inch PVC. They are in the process of bidding and those are due April 28.

Finished water 1, northwest of Cannon is 15.5 miles and about 90% complete on design. The Texico lateral that connects Texico to the system has three options. One it to connect to the Finished Water 2 pipeline, which is at Brady and MLK and options 2 and 3 are connecting to EPCOR's system that is on the eastside of Clovis.

Raw Water 3 will take them to the edge of the Caprock. Their goals are aggressive but doing well. They received substantial amounts of funding through the federal government. They have also been fortunate with the Water Trust Board and the Governor. Local membership has also been very instrumental in all of this.

Agenda Item No. 7 – For the good of the order

Mayor Morris advised David Lansford has resigned his position on the ENMWUA. The City Commission will appoint a third appointee at their meeting this week.

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant advised the next meeting date would be at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 11.

Agenda Item No. 8 – Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman

SEAL
(ATTEST)

City Clerk

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36 **Agenda Item No. 4 – Update regarding land trust**

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38 Mayor Morris advised there is a land trust, Ogallala, Land & Water Conservancy that have
39 received support from the county and the city for administrative costs. The board has been
40 established, Spencer Pipkin, Clint Harden, Commissioner Robert Thornton, Ronnie Montague
41 (land owner), Mark Carpenter (business owner), David Lansford and himself. They have had
42 one meeting where officers were selected where Mr. Lansford was elected chairman and Mr.
43 Carpenter was elected Vice Chairman. The goal is retirement of ground pumping and
44 conservation of ground water. From the city's perspective they need to be involved in
45 everything. It is one year renewable. If this is as good a deal as it could be the city will help
46 steer and if it's not then they will get out.

1 They approved legal documents, bylaws and elected officers. They are working on the job
2 description for an executive director, working on selecting an accounting firm and all of the
3 beginning stages. Mayor Pro Tem Bryant asked how often this committee would meet. Mayor
4 Morris advised right now it was at the call of the chair.

5 Mr. Mondragon advised his concern was taking dollars away from the Ute Pipeline Project and
6 creating another entity. The city already paid for 10 wells to be shut down so he has concerns.
7 Mayor Morris advised a lot of them have had concerns but it is coming to fruition. While the
8 concept isn't new there is funding to accomplish the retirement of ground pumping. They have
9 agreed to \$150,000 a year, which is small compared to their contribution to the ENMWUA.
10 They didn't obligate the city to anything or take any money from the Water Authority to do this.
11 This will come back before the commission each year and will watch it closely. Mr. Mondragon
12 advised the Water Authority has made a lot of progress in the last few years. Mayor Morris
13 advised they are making incredible progress with that project.

14 Mayor Pro Tem Bryant thought the commission made a good decision on the one-year term. Mr.
15 Mondragon asked when the first wells were shut down the level of the wells did go up some.
16 Mr. Howalt advised there was some recovery in the wells. In regard to the Water Trust Board
17 funding, he didn't think it was a direct competitor for Water Trust Board funding. The mission
18 of the land trust is to purchase and secure water rights and as part of the application process, they
19 have to have the water rights already secured.

20 Commissioner Ridling asked if they are working on this infrastructure bill to fund the water
21 project 100%. Mayor Pro Tem Bryant asked Mr. Ortega to give an update on that.

22 **Agenda Item No. 5 - Updates**

23 **EPCOR Update**

24 Mr. Huerta advised over the last three months the average delivery for May was 6.5 million
25 gallons per day, June was 7 million gallons per day, and July was 6.2 million gallons per day.
26 They've seen consistent daily delivery and demand over the three pumping months. For the
27 year, the max day was in June at 8.9 million gallons.

28 They installed a new fire hydrant at Winchester and Sharps Ave. and at South Norris. They have
29 replaced 4 four-inch and 1 six-inch valves. They did a small line extension of 2,500 feet of 6-
30 inch pvc. They also did an alley way replacement with c900 pvc.

31 EPCOR has resumed collections and have been working with customers in any way they can to
32 set up pay terms or setting up links to help.

33 They are currently in design on Humphrey between airport highway and CR 10 with a 12-inch
34 line to allow them to deliver more water to the Norris and Brady pumpstation. They will replace
35 some pumps at the Norris and Brady pumpstation. They will also make repairs to one of the
36 tanks at the Norris and brady pumpstation.

37 Mayor Pro Tem Bryant asked about the rebate programs. Mr. Huerta advised they have had a
38 handful of people come in for the water catch barrel rebate and they still others filter in with the

1 toilets and washers. They put ads out every summer. Mayor Pro Tem Bryant asked if it made
2 any difference on the programs with their offices being closed. Mr. Huerta advised they hadn't
3 seen any problems with it. They started the phase 2 reintegration in August, but with the delta
4 variant they changed their minds. Until they can see things more consistent across the board
5 then they will decide when they can open.

6 Mr. Mondragon asked if there have been any other well exploration south of town. Mr. Huerta
7 advised they are still relying on their lease well program and none of them are south of town.
8 They have started and are nearing completion of well measurement and getting the run levels.
9 All of that information will be used to update their well processing plan. Mr. Mondragon asked
10 if there were any issues with any of the wells. Mr. Huerta advised the wells south of town and
11 some in Roosevelt County have the most amount of decline with the fastest rate. They are seeing
12 better results with the wells in town.

13 City Update

14 Mr. Howalt advised they continue to make progress with phase 1D of the reuse project, which is
15 99% complete. That should be complete in the next month. Phase 2, pond work, is completed.
16 They are waiting on a valve for the control system that interconnects the two ponds. Phase 2 of
17 the transmission line construction project are still waiting on supplies. The pvc market was hit
18 drastically so getting pvc pipe has been challenging.

19 In FY 19 the reuse system delivered 52 million gallons, in FY 20 they delivered 86 million
20 gallons and in FY 21 they delivered 114 million gallons. Not all of those were on EPCOR's
21 system but they do deliver quite a bit of water to their parks.

22 ENMWUA Update

23 Mr. Ortega advised regarding the infrastructure bill, they are cautiously optimistic but working
24 towards normal planning and will continue to move forward. They completed Finished Water 2
25 connecting to Portales and CAFB. The main junction vault is at the CR R and 60/84
26 intersection. They are under construction with the pipeline to Portales, that is being done in two
27 phases. Finished Water 3A will take 360 days to complete and Finished Water 3B is in design.
28 Finished Water 3 is fully funded and ready to go. Finished Water 1 is connecting to finished
29 water 2 15.5 miles and they are wrapping up 100% design. They hope to be shovel ready by
30 December. They are also working on Raw Water 3, which is north of the proposed treatment
31 facility. That takes them to 26.5 miles at the end of the Caprock. They are also continuing to
32 wrap up the Texico lateral alignment study that they started 8 months ago. Once that is
33 completed and approved, they will move forward with the design.

34 They have total funds invested for FY 22 for construction, design and easement acquisition at
35 \$27 million, total ENMWUA funds invested for FY 22 is \$3.9 million, and \$17.5 million waiting
36 to complete Finished Water 3B. They have \$44.5 million to work with on all of these projects.

37 Mr. Demaio asked what it would take to fund the entire project. Mr. Ortega advised around \$525
38 million. Mr. Demaio asked what it would take to finish with the \$44 million they already have.
39 Mr. Ortega advised it would be 75% of that total cost.

1 Mayor Pro Tem Bryant asked Mayor Morris on his thoughts on the pipeline. Mayor Morris
2 advised the elevation level yesterday was 3,779 feet, which would put it 9 feet below the crest of
3 the spillway at the reservoir. Ute Reservoir is currently holding about 156,000-acre feet of
4 storage. Earlier this year there was a lot of rain and a lot of inflow, which gave a 2-foot rise in
5 elevation. Once the City of Clovis takes their reservation of 16,415-acre feet a year off of that, it
6 will only be a couple of feet in water reservation. The reservoir it will serve its primary purpose
7 of a renewable source of water and will continue to serve its secondary purpose of recreation.
8 He is proud of the Water Authority and what Mr. Ortega and his staff do. They are at various
9 stages of the project and they are all managed so well.

10 Mayor Pro Tem Bryant advised they have enough water to supplement EPCOR and enough to
11 remain for recreation. Mr. Ortega appreciated the recognition but it is the effort of a large team.

12 Mr. Ortega advised the federal appropriation efforts are worked on all the time and they speak to
13 the delegation weekly or bi-weekly. When he first came on board, they wanted to up their
14 funding levels and one of the first things he looked at was competition for federal funds. They
15 learned there are four other rural water projects that were authorized. Each of the five projects
16 competes with the bulk of the money in one year. The majority of that fund comes from the
17 senators and the US representatives because they are talking to them all the time. The pot of that
18 money is divided among the five projects and the Ute Pipeline is the youngest. Instead of
19 competing they decided to work together and ask for a larger sum. They came up with an
20 amount of funds, \$130 million, for 10 years straight they would be able to fund all of the projects
21 and they have been able to do that for 3 years.

22 Commissioner Ridling thanked Mr. Ortega and his staff for all of their work and perseverance.
23 Mr. Demaio asked if they received the full allocation of the water from the pipeline what percent
24 of the total water use of the authority does that represent. Mr. Ortega advised 10%.

25 Mayor Pro Tem Bryant advised Mayor Morris, Ms. Burroughes and Mr. Ortega just returned
26 from a trip to Washington to meet with the delegation. Mr. Ortega advised they were able to
27 meet with the Senators and Representatives. Mayor Morris advised that was his first trip to meet
28 with the delegation in Washington. It is encouraging to know that the delegation is so aware of
29 the pipeline project. He advised they are voting on the infrastructure bill in the Senate right now.
30 It could be in the fall before the House is done reconciling that.

31 Mr. Howalt advised the State of NM is also working on their 50-year water plans. The amount
32 of precipitation has not changed, however, they are still anticipating the same amount of rainfall.
33 The northwest part of the state is predicted to have a higher temperature increase and then
34 towards the southeast it tapers out. In this region, what they are projecting is not as severe as
35 what could be seen in other parts of the state. The State has several presentations set up
36 throughout the course of this year. The plan is supposed to be finished by March 2022. He will
37 provide information on that to the committee. On August 26 there will be a presentation by Dr.
38 Phillip King on surface and ground water.

39 **Agenda Item No. 6 – For the good of the order**

1 Mayor Morris advised there would be a groundbreaking ceremony Thursday, August 12th from
2 noon to 2:00 p.m. for Finished Water 3 which will begin at the memorial building in Portales.

3 Mr. Mondragon advised he received a paper on the Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act for
4 New Mexico. He advised he would send it to Ms. Reyes to email to the committee.

5 Mayor Pro Tem Bryant advised the next meeting would be at 8:30 a.m., September 14 in the
6 North Annex.

7 **Agenda Item No. 7 – Adjournment**

8 There being no further business to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.