



**MINUTES OF THE
CENTRAL COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
MAY 19, 2026**

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at the office of the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District located at 3209 W. 28th St. Greeley, Colorado. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Chairman Ralph Anders and the following Directors were present: Ralph Anders, President; Chad Schafer, Vice President; David Bernhardt; Steve Bruntz; Doug Dill; David Eckhardt; Travis Hergert; Calven Goza; Everett Kissler; Randy Knutson; John Mark; Alan Mazzotti and Brian Rosenbrock. Dan Kammerzell and Bret Schmidt were absent.

Others present were Randy Ray, Executive Director; Billy Mihelich, District Engineer; Danyelle Hart, Financial Analyst; Courtney Jones, Water Quality Coordinator; Abby Gearhart, Water Resources Coordinator; Tammy Rusch, Education Coordinator and Lynn Kramer, Contracts Manager. Special guests were Brad Grasmick and David Strait of Lawrence Custer Grasmick Jones & Donovan and Ed Armbruster of White Sands Water Engineers.

ACCEPT INTO THE RECORD THE CONSENT CALENDAR, FINANCIALS, AND ALL MINUTES OF APRIL AND MAY 2026 AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT

SECOND: DOUG DILL

MOTION APPROVED

Public Discussion

Rick Grice and Terrance Tschatschula with VaporLok Inc attended to give a presentation on a product that reduces evaporation.

Aaron Million provided an update on the Green River project.

Legal Action Items

There were no legal action items.

Legal/Legislative Reports

Brad Grasmick reviewed the April 2026 resume and had no recommendations for oppositions.

Brad provided a Water Court update and reviewed current legislation.

MOVE TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION ON ENFORCEMENT OF DITCH EASEMENTS.

MOTION: RANDY KNUTSON

SECOND: STEVE BRUNTZ

MOTION CARRIED

District Action

The board reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Water Horse Resources Green River Project.

MOVE TO DECLINE THE REQUEST FROM AARON MILLION TO SUPPORT THE WATER HORSE RESOURCES GREEN RIVER PROJECT AND REFER THE NEW PROPSAL TO THE COMMITTEES.
MOTION: STEVE BRUNTZ
SECOND: RANDY KNUTSON
MOTION CARRIED

MOVE TO PURCHASE TESTING KITS AND THE MICROPLATE READER.
MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT
SECOND: CHAD SCHAFER
MOTION CARRIED WITH STEVE BRUNTZ VOTING NAY

Billy Mihelich presented the Town of Castle Rock Rothe Lease.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE WATER LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK AND CCWCD.
MOTION: STEVE BRUNTZ
SECOND: EVERETT KISSLER
MOTION CARRIED

President Anders welcomed and introduced Theron Verna, Water Lab Manager from the Palmer Land Conservancy.

The 20th Annual President's Reception will be held September 10, 2026 at the Denver Botanic Gardens.

MOVE TO SPONSOR THE 2026 PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION \$1500.
MOTION: ALAN MAZZOTTI
SECOND: CHAD SCHAFER
MOTION CARRIED

Subdistrict Action

Randy presented correspondence from the Thraikills and Kiowa Creek Land and Cattle Company, landowners downstream of the Kiowa Recharge Project. Brad Grasmick provided options. Discussion followed.

MOVE TO DENY THE REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF THE FENCE AND DIRECT STAFF TO APPROACH LANDOWNERS REGARDING PAYMENT FOR AN EASEMENT.
MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT
SECOND: TRAVIS HERGERT
MOTION CARRIED

Staff Action

There was no staff action.

President's Report

There was no President's Report.

Education Report

Tammy Rusch presented the Children's Water Festival Spring impact report and reviewed the summer calendar.

Tammy then presented a sponsorship request from Ag in the Classroom.

MOVE TO SPONSOR AG IN CLASSROOM \$2500.
MOTION: CHAD SCHAFER
SECOND BRIAN ROSENBROCK
MOTION CARRIED

Water Quality Report

Courtney Jones provided the board with additional information regarding the Water Quality Neonicotinoids Test Kits and Microplate Reader.

Subdistrict Report

Billy Mihelich provided an operational report and precipitation outlook.

District Report

There was no District Report.

Secretary's Report

Dan Brown of RBV LLC requested additional space in Bernhardt Reservoir. The previous Water Storage Lease Agreement will be amended.

Ed Orr and CCWCD are negotiating an amendment to a Water Storage easement at Siebring Reservoir. Randy will bring it to the committees.

Secretary Ray reviewed the board calendar.

GMDA Summer Conference July 21 – 23, 2026 in Lubbock, TX

CWC Summer Conference August 18 – 20, 2026 in Steamboat Springs, CO

Vita H2O Project tour May 28, 2026.

New Business

Brad Grasmick and Ed Armbruster will not be at the board meeting in July. They both will be in the San Luis Valley attending a trial.

MOVE TO ADJOURN.
MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT
SECOND: JOHN MARK
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lynn Kramer