

**HIGH PLAINS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION
(2025)**

WHEREAS, High Plains Ranch Metropolitan District (the “District”), was organized as a special district pursuant to an Order and Decree of the District Court in and for the County of El Paso, (the “**County**”), and is located entirely within the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of each District has a duty to perform certain obligations in order to assure the efficient operation of the District and hereby directs its consultants to take the following actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board directs the District’s legal counsel to cause an accurate map of the District’s boundaries to be prepared in accordance with the standards specified by the Division of Local Government (“**Division**”) and to be filed in accordance with § 32-1-306, C.R.S.
2. The Board directs the District’s legal counsel to notify the Board of County Commissioners, the County Assessor, the County Treasurer, the County Clerk and Recorder, the governing body of any municipality in which the District is located, and the Division of the name of the chairman of the Board, the contact person, telephone number, and business address of the District, as required by § 32-1-104(2), C.R.S.
3. The Board directs the District’s legal counsel to prepare and file with the Division, within thirty (30) days of a written request from the Division, an informational listing of all contracts in effect with other political subdivisions, in accordance with § 29-1-205, C.R.S.
4. The Board directs the District’s legal counsel to cause the preparation of and to file with the Department of Local Affairs the annual public securities report for nonrated public securities issued by the District within sixty (60) days of the close of the fiscal year, as required by §§ 11-58-101, et seq., C.R.S.
5. The Board directs the District’s accountant to: (a) obtain proposals for auditors to be presented to the Board; (b) cause an audit of the annual financial statements of the District to be prepared and submitted to the Board on or before June 30; and (c) cause the audit to be filed with the State Auditor by July 31, or by the filing deadline permitted under any extension thereof, all in accordance with §§ 29-1-603(1) and 606, C.R.S. Alternatively, if warranted by § 29-1-604, C.R.S., the Board directs the District’s accountant to apply for and obtain an audit exemption from the State Auditor on or before March 31 in accordance with § 29-1-604, C.R.S.
6. The Board directs the District’s accountant, if the District has authorized but unissued general obligation debt as of the end of the fiscal year, to cause to be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners or the governing body of the municipality that adopted a resolution of approval of the District the District’s audit report or a copy of its application for exemption from audit in accordance with § 29-1-606(7), C.R.S.

7. The Board directs the District's accountant to submit a proposed budget to the Board by October 15 and prepare the final budget and budget message, including any amendments thereto, if necessary. The Board also directs the District's accountant to perform the property tax limit calculation, if required by §§ 29-1-306, *et seq.*, C.R.S., and to inform the Board of the result of such calculation. The Board directs legal counsel to schedule a public hearing on the proposed budget or amendments, as applicable, and to post or publish notices thereof. The Board directs legal counsel to prepare all budget resolutions. The Board directs legal counsel to file the budget, budget resolution, and budget message with the Division on or before January 30th, all in accordance with §§ 29-1-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S.

8. The Board directs the District's accountant to monitor all expenditures and, if necessary, to notify the District's legal counsel, the District's Manager, and the Board when expenditures are expected to exceed appropriated amounts. The Board directs legal counsel to prepare all budget amendment resolutions. The Board directs legal counsel to schedule a public hearing on a proposed budget amendment and post or publish notices thereof in accordance with § 29-1-106, C.R.S. The Board directs legal counsel to file the amended budget with the Division on or before the date of making such expenditure or contracting for such expenditure, all in accordance with §§ 29-1-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S.

9. The Board directs legal counsel to cause the preparation of the Unclaimed Property Act report and submission of the same to the State Treasurer by November 1st if there is property presumed abandoned and subject to custody as unclaimed property, in accordance with § 38-13-110, C.R.S.

10. The Board directs the District's accountant to prepare the mill levy certification form and directs the District's accountant to file the mill levy certification form with the Board of County Commissioners on or before December 15th, in accordance with § 39-5-128, C.R.S.

11. The Board directs that all legal notices shall be published in accordance with § 32-1-103(15), C.R.S.

12. The Board hereby determines that each member of the Board shall, for any potential or actual conflicts of interest, complete conflicts of interest disclosures and directs legal counsel to file the conflicts of interest disclosures with the Board and with the Colorado Secretary of State at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to every regular and special meeting of the Board, in accordance with § 32-1-902(3)(b) and § 18-8-308, C.R.S. Written disclosures provided by Board members required to be filed with the governing body in accordance with § 18-8-308, C.R.S., shall be deemed filed with the Board when filed with the Secretary of State. Additionally, at the beginning of each year, each Board member shall submit information to legal counsel regarding any actual or potential conflicts of interest and, throughout the year, each Board member shall provide legal counsel with any revisions, additions, corrections, or deletions to said conflicts of interest disclosures.

13. The Board confirms its obligations under § 24-10-110(1), C.R.S., with regards to the defense and indemnification of its public employees, which, by definition, includes elected and appointed officers.

14. The Board hereby appoints legal counsel as the official custodian for the maintenance, care, and keeping of all public records of the District, in accordance with §§ 24-72-202, *et seq.*, C.R.S. The Board hereby directs its legal counsel, accountant, manager, and all other consultants to adhere to the Colorado Special District Records Retention Schedule as adopted by the District.

15. The Board directs legal counsel to post notice of all regular and special meetings in accordance with § 32-1-903(2) and § 24-6-402(2)(c), C.R.S. The Board hereby designates <http://wsdistricts.co/projects/high-plains-ranch-metropolitan-district/> as the District's website for the posting of its regular and special meeting notices. The Board also hereby designates, unless otherwise designated by the Board, any location within the District, as the location the District will post notices of meetings in the event of exigent or emergency circumstances which prevent the District from posting notice of the meeting on the District's website. The Board directs legal counsel to provide the website address set forth above to the Department of Local Affairs for inclusion in the inventory maintained pursuant to § 24-32-116, C.R.S.

16. The Board determines to hold regular meetings on the first Monday of each quarter as needed, at 1:30 PM by telephone, electronic, or other means not requiring physical presence. All notices of meetings shall designate whether such meeting will be held by electronic means, at a physical location, or both, and shall designate how members of the public may attend such meeting, including the conference number or link by which members of the public can attend the meeting electronically, if applicable.

17. In the event of an emergency, the Board may conduct a meeting outside of the limitations prescribed in § 24-6-402(2)(c), C.R.S., provided that any actions taken at such emergency meeting are ratified at the next regular meeting of the Board or at a special meeting conducted after proper notice has been given to the public.

18. The Board directs legal counsel to maintain the District's website in compliance with state and federal requirements and to make such documents and information required by § 32-1-104.5, C.R.S. available to the public on the District's website.

19. For the convenience of the electors of the District, and pursuant to its authority set forth in § 1-13.5-1101, C.R.S., the Board hereby deems that all regular and special elections of the District shall be conducted as independent mail ballot elections in accordance with §§ 1-13.5-1101, *et seq.*, C.R.S., unless otherwise deemed necessary and expressed in a separate election resolution adopted by the Board.

20. Pursuant to the authority set forth in § 1-1-111, C.R.S., the Board hereby appoints Ashley B. Frisbie, as the Designated Election Official (the "**DEO**") of the District for any elections called by the Board, or called on behalf of the Board by the DEO, and hereby authorizes and directs the DEO to take all actions necessary for the proper conduct of the election, including, if applicable, cancellation of the election in accordance with § 1-13.5-513, C.R.S.

21. In accordance with § 1-11-103(3), C.R.S., the Board hereby directs the DEO to certify to the Division the results of any elections held by the District and, pursuant to § 32-1-1101.5(1), C.R.S., to certify results of any ballot issue election to incur general obligation

indebtedness to the Board of County Commissioners or the governing body of the municipality that adopted a resolution of approval of the District and file a copy of such certification with the Division of Securities.

22. The Board directs legal counsel to cause a notice of authorization of or notice to incur general obligation debt to be recorded with the County Clerk and Recorder within thirty (30) days of authorizing or incurring any indebtedness, in accordance with § 32-1-1604, C.R.S.

23. Pursuant to the authority set forth in § 24-12-103, C.R.S., the Board hereby designates, in addition to any officer of the District, Rose A. Vallesio of the law firm of White Bear Ankele Tanaka & Waldron, Attorneys at Law, as a person with the power to administer all oaths or affirmations of office and other oaths or affirmations required to be taken by any person upon any lawful occasion.

24. The Board directs legal counsel to cause the preparation of and filing with the Board of County Commissioners or the governing body of the municipality that adopted a resolution of approval of the District, if requested, the application for quinquennial finding of reasonable diligence in accordance with § 32-1-1101.5(1.5), (2), C.R.S.

25. The Board directs legal counsel to cause the preparation of and the filing with the Board of County Commissioners or the governing body of any municipality in which the District is located, the Division, the State Auditor, the County Clerk and Recorder, and any interested parties entitled to notice pursuant to § 32-1-204(1), C.R.S., an annual report in accordance with § 32-1-207(3)(c), C.R.S.

26. The Board directs legal counsel to obtain proposals and/or renewals for insurance, as applicable, to insure the District against all or any part of the District's liability, in accordance with §§ 24-10-115, *et seq.*, C.R.S. The Board directs legal counsel to review and update the District's property schedule as needed, and no less than annually. The Board directs the District's accountant to pay the annual SDA membership dues, agency fees, and insurance premiums, as applicable, in a timely manner. The Board appoints legal counsel as its proxy for the SDA Annual meeting for voting and quorum purposes.

27. The Board hereby opts to include elected or appointed officials as employees within the meaning of § 8-40-202(1)(a)(I)(A), C.R.S., and hereby directs legal counsel to obtain workers' compensation coverage for the District.

28. The Board hereby directs legal counsel to prepare the disclosure notice required by § 32-1-809, C.R.S., and to disseminate the information to the electors of the District accordingly. Further, the Board hereby designates the following website as the District's official website for the purposes thereof: <http://wsdistricts.co/projects/high-plains-ranch-metropolitan-district/>

29. The Board hereby directs legal counsel to prepare and record with the County Clerk and Recorder updates to the disclosure statement notice and map required by § 32-1-104.8, C.R.S., if additional property is included within the District's boundaries.

30. In accordance with § 38-35-109.5(2), C.R.S., the District hereby designates the President of the Board as the official who shall record any instrument conveying title of real property to the District within thirty (30) days of any such conveyance.

31. The Board hereby affirms the adoption of the corporate seal in substantially the form appearing on the signature page of this resolution in accordance with § 32-1-902, C.R.S., regardless of whether initially produced electronically or manually. The requirement of any District resolution, proceeding or other document to “affix” the District seal thereto, including for the purpose of satisfying any applicable State law, shall be satisfied by manual impression or print, facsimile reproduction or electronic reproduction, or inclusion of the image of such seal. Without limiting the foregoing, any electronic production or reproduction of the image of the seal shall constitute an electronic record of information, as defined in the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, and the Board hereby authorizes its use in accordance with the authority provided by § 24-71.3-118, C.R.S.

32. The Board directs the District's Accountant to prepare and submit the documentation required by any continuing disclosure obligation signed in conjunction with the issuance of debt by the District.

33. The Board directs legal counsel to monitor, and inform the Board of, any legislative changes that may occur throughout the year.

34. In the event the District has not engaged an accountant or a manager, the Board hereby directs legal counsel to undertake all actions designated in this Resolution to the District accountant or the District's Manager until such time as an accountant or manager, as applicable, is engaged by the District.

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ADOPTED NOVEMBER 12, 2024



DISTRICT:

HIGH PLAINS RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado

By: *bryan t long*
bryan t long (Nov 27, 2024 11:13 MST)
Officer of the District

Attest:

By: *Randle Case, Board Member*
Randle Case, Board Member (Nov 29, 2024 11:36 MST)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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