BOARD OF RETIREMENT
PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO
MINUTES
August 26, 2019

ROLL CALL

Board of Directors:

James Concialdi, CH Present
Kathy Koen, VC Present
Judy Martinez Present
Mark Mears Present
Del Olivas Present

Also in attendance:

Dale Connors Ellwood
Terry Hart Commissioner
Cindy Jones Retirement Benefit Specialist
Joel Thompson Plan Administrator
K.C. Tucker Employee

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was established and Mr. James Concialdi, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Concialdi asked for approval of the consent agenda sent to the Board ahead of the meeting. Mr. Mears moved for approval. Mr. Olivas seconded and the Board approved.
QUARTERLY INVESTMENT SUMMARY – 2ND QTR – ELLWOOD

Mr. Dale Connors, Senior Consultant of Ellwood presented the Board with the second quarter 2019 investment results. The quarter yielded an overall positive return of 2.09% compared to the index of 2.44%, keeping in mind that some of the private equity and real estate returns are not yet posted. The index gap will tighten once all returns have been accounted for. Cash flow shows a net increase in fund value since January 1, 2019 of $10.3 million.

PRELIMINARY MONTHLY INVESTMENT SUMMARY-ELLWOOD

Mr. Connors also presented the July results, which are also preliminary. July yielded a small gain of .3% matching the index. The year to date number continue to be strong through the beginning of the third quarter, with a net of fees yield of 9.8%, compared to the index of 11%. End of the year value has increased to $141.5 million.

STRATEGIC ASSET ALLOCATION UPDATE – ELLWOOD

Mr. Connors presented the Strategic Asset Allocation and Investment Structure. This report is highly informative and includes changes in investment managers, including percentage targets, allowable ranges and any movement in allocation that may occur.

HARBERT FEEDER FUND VS. MAIN FUND

Mr. Concialdi opened discussion to determine which of the Harbert funds – “Feeder”, or “Main” to direct our investment in to and complete the closing documents being prepared by Davis Graham and Stubbs. After discussion Ms. Martinez moved that the Board invest in the “Main” fund. Mr. Mears seconded and the Board approved unanimously. Mr. Thompson will follow through with DG&S.

BUCK CONSULTANTS EXPERIENCE STUDY

Mr. Concialdi asked the Board whether we should hire Buck Consultants to perform the recommended experience study this year, or to postpone it to a later date. After discussion it was decided to budget funds for a study to be performed in 2021. The estimated cost of $45K will be budgeted in December 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

At 1:45 Mr. Concialdi called an executive session. At 2:06, Mr. Concialdi re-convened the meeting to order following the executive session. Ms. Martinez moved that the Board approve a 2.5% salary increase for the Plan Administrator and Retirement Benefit Specialist, effective September 1, 2019. Mr. Mears seconded and the Board approved unanimously.

The Board discussed the need for increased contributions. Based on the passing of House Bill 19-1299 and it was decided that a letter be directed to the BOCC asking for a 1% contribution increase to be effective January 1, 2020.
ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Koen. Motion seconded by Del Olivas. Board adjourned by the Chair at 2:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 30 at 1:00 pm in the third floor conference room of the Courthouse, room 333.

Joel Thompson
Plan Administrator