

February 20, 2008 WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

A Work Session meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District was held on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 9:00 AM., at the District office located at 801 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, Colorado 81067.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

John Singletary-Chairman
Pete Moore-Vice Chairman
Melissa Esquibel-Secretary
Wayne Whittaker-Treasurer
Loretta Kennedy
Lynden Gill

DISTRICT STAFF:

Jay Winner-Executive Director
Bart Mendenhall-Attorney

DIRECTORS EXCUSED:

Leroy Mauch

Chairman Singletary called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and announced a quorum was present with Director Mauch being excused.

Executive Director Winner brought to the Board Director's attention that there are two (2) shares of water for sale at the Fowler State Bank. Executive Director Winner stated, Jonathan Fox called and invited us to bid on these two (2) shares, which is water only. I told him I would bring it up to the board and get back with him.

I have met with many farmers over the last week and will continue to meet as many as possible over the next month. With us purchasing the farm in Fowler it caused a lot of problems.

Attorney Mendenhall stated, "We got a jump on this yesterday at the Steering Committee meeting. One of the members stated there are a lot of people mad at you in Fowler for buying the farm. I don't know where this water was ever use on the Highline, but typically it's easier to move water upstream than downstream."

Executive Director Winner stated with the water we brought on the Highline. We still don't have the stock certificate yet. I think it's very interesting and what we heard on the agenda on their last board meeting, nobody would make a motion on it. So we're doing some research on it on getting our stock certificate.

Chairman Singletary suggested that Executive Director Winner monitor what's going on.

Attorney Mendenhall gave an update on the Super Ditch Meeting that took place on March 18, 2008. We made some progress as Jay said these guys are making big decisions. It's something new that they haven't done before and combine with that a lot of that they've looked at these articles and by-laws and haven't digested. I was pretty encourage by a gentleman from the Oxford Canal. He's going to be a good addition to the committee. Also, Anthony Van Westrum is going to make a few changes and we'll go back with them. They also wanted to see what Gary Barber and Mark Harding had any comments. We had a lot of good questions, and a lot of good discussion. We have to take one step at a time.

Director Esquibel stated change isn't an easy thing. But you're virtually taking them or leading them to a new way of thinking.

Executive Director Winner stated in the world of Conservation Easement. Here are the articles from the Rocky Mountain News over the last 60 days. If you get a chance, they really spell out what's going out in the world about conservation right now. I met yesterday with the people with GOCO (Great Outdoors Colorado) with the Task Force that I'm on and the transfer ability or the selling of tax credit that have come to a stretching halt. Everybody is waiting to see what happens with Alice Madsen legislation.

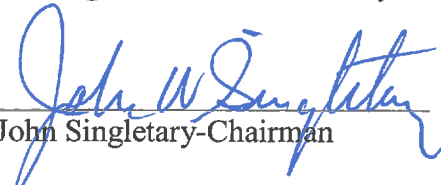
Executive Director Winner stated last week we got done with audit and which we will not have for another 60 days. One suggestion coming out of the audit is the way we take care of sick time. His suggestion is that we pay out sick time that we don't have to carry over on the books year after year. Currently with sick time if it's earned in 2008 it's paid out in 2011, than the people are benefiting supposedly paid out year after year.

Director Esquibel stated, "That's not necessary fair. I think you can cap how much time to carry. But if someone has to have surgery a week or two is not going to do any good. If you have to have major surgery you could be out close to eight weeks."

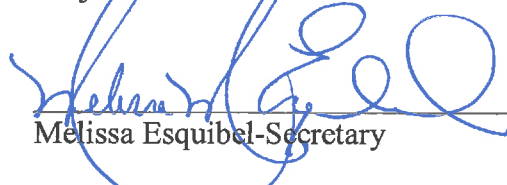
Executive Director Winner said we are capped at 260 hours. That is about 6-8 weeks. The board unanimous voted to keep it the way it is.

Director Esquibel stated we have to review legal contracts. After a discussion Board Directors approved both legal contracts.

Chairman Singletary asked if there were any other questions to be heard; hearing none, motion was made by Director Esquibel, seconded by Director Moore to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 A.M.



John Singletary-Chairman



Melissa Esquibel-Secretary