

March 20, 2012 WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

A Work Session meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 1:00 P.M., at the District office located at 801 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, Colorado 81067.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Pete Moore-Chairman
Lynden Gill-Vice Chairman
Wayne Whittaker-Treasurer
Leroy Mauch
Reeves Brown

DISTRICT STAFF:

Jay Winner-General Manager
Bill Hancock-Cons. Program Mgr
Bart Mendenhall-Attorney
Peter Nichols-Attorney

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Melissa Esquibel-Secretary
Anthony Nunez

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and announced a quorum is present with Directors Esquibel and Nunez being excused.

1:00 p.m. reconvene for joint meeting with LAVWCD Board of Directors and the Super Ditch Directors.

Present for the Super Ditch Company: Director's John Schweizer, Burt Heckman, Dale Mauch, Lee Schweizer, and Don Hansen.

Absent: Frank Milenski, Mike Bartolo, Joe Lundquist and Fred Heckman.

Guest: Wes Herman; Don McBee, Lamar; Chris Woodka, Pueblo Chieftain; Heath Kuntz, Adaptive Resources Inc.; and Scott Lorenz, AUGA.

General Manager Winner stated that this is the first time both the LAVWCD and Super Ditch Company Directors are meeting together. He gave an update on the past years of the Super Ditch and where they are going. He discussed the Rule 10 Plan. He mentioned the big gap which is the sprinklers and well users. He stated the Catlin Pilot Study is moving forward. The leases are in place and the study will start in 2012.

Attorney Nichols stated that a lot of attention on the study, but not the cheerleading type. He stated that the leases have been approved from Security/Widefield and Fountain.

Heath Kuntz, of Adaptive Resources Inc., stated he filed a Statewide Supply Plan (SWSP) on February 27, 2012, objector's comments are due on April 9th, 2012 and there have also been lots of comments through the Lower Arkansas Valley.

Heath Kuntz gave an update on a technical meeting in Colorado Springs with 40 people (State Engineer's office down to the District 67) that lasted between 3 – 3.5 hours and it was a very intense meeting

Heath Kuntz, Adaptive Resources Inc., gave the directors a thorough outlook on the Rule 10 Plan for the 92 members involved in this program. Discussed where some received credit for their return flows. He also discussed the Super Ditch Catlin Pilot Study program. He stated that there are 8 farmers involved in the study. The first phase will take place this year 2012.

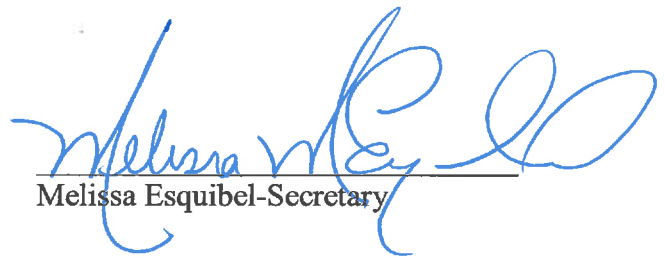
Heath Kuntz discussed the Pond Study in Prowers County. He stated this pond study will take at least 2 years to complete the study to see if this will help the farmers in the Rule 10 plan.

Scott Lorenz, AGUA gave an update on recharge sites for the Rule 14 Plan. He stated the last 10 years AGUA has participated with recharge sites under the Excelsior Ditch. The ditch runs 7 miles and the recharge ponds are at the end of the ditch. He stated that he had a conversation with Jay Winner three months ago about the water demands. Scott stated we (AGUA) are looking at expanding recharge facilities. He stated that the valley needed more recharge sites. This fits in what with a lot of what Jay has been talking about. He stated he is excited to hear about the Pond Study in Prowers County.

Chairman Moore asked if there were any other questions to be heard; hearing none, motion was made by Director Mauch, seconded by Director Whittaker to adjourn the work session and reconvene for lunch. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.



Pete Moore-Chairman



Melissa Esquibel-Secretary