

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 9:30 A.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 9:30 A.M. and announced a quorum is present with Directors Esquibel and Nunez being excused.

Visitors: Heath Kuntz, Adaptive Resource Inc.; Chris Woodka, Pueblo Chieftain and Scott Lorenz, Arkansas Underground Association (AUGA).

General Manager Winner stated this work session will be a review of the future demands for water in/from the Arkansas River Basin.

Attorney Peter Nichols gave an update on the Statewide Water Supply Initiative (SWSI) and the Interbasin Compact Committee (IBCC).

General Manager Winner gave an update on the Arkansas Basin Roundtable.

General Manager Winner and Attorney Nichols gave an historical overview on the Super Ditch. Attorney Nichols stated that the demands out there for municipal are a reality; General Manger Winner stated that 2006 LAVWCD provided workshops for the farmers; 2007 LAVWCD staff and participant farmers took a trip to Palo Verde , California to learn how the farmers and the municipalities are working to together; 2008 Super Ditch was Incorporation in May 2008. Winner stated that this was supposed to take 10 years but came together in 2008 because of 7 ditches coming together; 2009 Letters of intent; 2010 File Water Court exchange application; 2010 provided term sheets for Pike Peak

Regional Water Authority (PPRWA) and Aurora; 2012 Super Ditch pilot program with Catlin Canal phase I with Fountain and Security-Widefield.

Heath Kuntz gave an update on the Super Ditch projections (for exchange case). For the agricultural demands on the Rule 10 Plan, the Rule 14 Plan, the Supplemental irrigation water.

He 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.

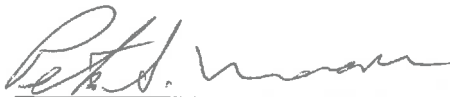
Scott Lorenz, AGUA gave an update on recharge sites for the Rule 14 Plan. He stated the last 10 years AGUA has participated with recharge sites under the Excelsior Ditch. The ditch runs 7 miles and the recharge ponds are at the end of the ditch. He stated that he had a conversation with Jay Winner three 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.

General Manager Winner asked the directors if they understood what a recharge pond was just to make sure everybody was on the same page. He stated a recharge pond is a hole in the ground.

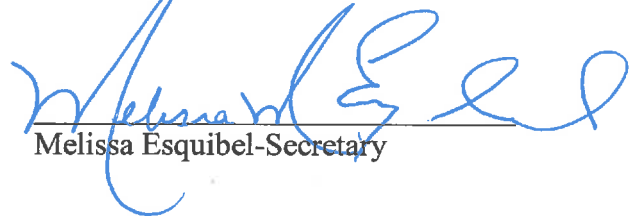
General Manger Winner stated that the LAVWCD Mission is to keep the agriculture viable in the Arkansas Valley.

General Manager Winner stated that the Super Ditch is about solving the problem in the Arkansas Basin. The gap we're going to experience in Arkansas Basin. The Arkansas Valley Conduit, replacement water, sprinkler water, well replacement water, somebody short on a system that is what the Super Ditch is all about.

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 12:30 A.M.



Pete Moore-Chairman



Melissa Esquibel-Secretary