

May 18, 2011 WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

A Work Session meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., at the District office located at 801 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, Colorado 81067.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Pete Moore-Chairman
Lynden Gill-Vice Chairman
Melissa Esquibel-Secretary
Wayne Whittaker-Treasurer
Leroy Mauch
Anthony Nunez
Reeves Brown

DISTRICT STAFF:

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

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and announced a quorum was present with all the Directors present.

Visitors: Keith Goodwin, Otero County Commissioner and Jim Baldwin, Otero County Commissioner.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Director Esquibel moved that the Board convene into Executive Session, seconded by Director Brown. Motion unanimously carried. Chairman Moore recessed the District's work session meeting at 9:00 A.M. to convene into the Executive Session.

Director Esquibel requested that the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of: §24-6-402(4) (b) C.R.S., "Conferences with an attorney for the public entity for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal issues."

§24-6-402(4)(e) C.R.S., "Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; Developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators." In relating to, litigation with, State of Colorado, and Super Ditch.

"In the opinion of Attorney Mendenhall, all or a portion of the discussion during the Executive session constituted a privileged attorney-client communication, and therefore no record or recording was kept of that part of the discussion."

Director Esquibel moved that the Board conclude executive session and re-enter Work Session 9:38 A.M., seconded by Director Gill. Motion unanimously carried.

General Manager Winner stated that Director Esquibel brought up two weeks ago about the awareness concerning agriculture and water. He stated that there was an article about this issue. In the article Governor Hickenlooper says that we need to keep agriculture and water here forever in the Arkansas Valley. We know that Governor Hickenlooper is on the same page as the LAVWCD.

General Manager Winner stated that he sits on the 2012 Water Management Committee. This committee brings an emphasis to the State of Colorado imports of Water and Agriculture to this state, along with the Arkansas River Basin Roundtable committee.

General Manager Winner gave an update on Blue Mesa Marketpool Committee.

General Manager Winner gave an update on the Super Ditch Pilot program. He stated he attended the Catlin Canal meeting to explain the 500 acre feet that was need to do the pilot program.

General Manager Winner gave an update on Fountain Creek.

General Manager Winner gave an update on Conservation Easements.

Chairman Moore asked if there were any other questions to be heard; hearing none, motion was made by Director Esquibel, seconded by Director Mauch to adjourn work session into regular board meeting. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:21 A.M.


Pete Moore-Chairman


Melissa Esquibel-Secretary