

**November 19, 2008 WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

A Work Session meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District was held on Wednesday, November 19, 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  
Peter Nichols-Attorney  
Kim Chavez-Financial Officer

**DIRECTOR EXCUSED:**

Leroy Mauch

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

General Manager Winner reported that the Lower District brought 2 shares of Twin Lake water from Sugar City. The Lower District has been leasing water from Sugar City, Ordway, Crowley and Olney Springs about the last 3-4 years. Last year Sugar City came to us and wanted to sell 2 shares we brought them. Today they are having problems and I feel that the Lower District should stay low. Directors agreed.

General Manager Winner reported on Conservation Easement there will be a meeting in La Junta with the Conservation Easement Oversight Commission. Winner stated that he met with many groups of farmers concerning Conservation Easements. Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District will continue in 2009 with Conservation Easements, but they need to be a complete packet. Then it goes to Attorney Mendenhall for review.

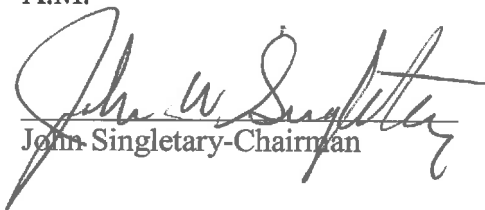
General Manager Winner stated a letter was sent out to Larkspur shareholders to see if they would be interested in selling their shares to LAVWCD. As of today 30% have responded. If we do not purchase Larkspur we will still manage ditch.

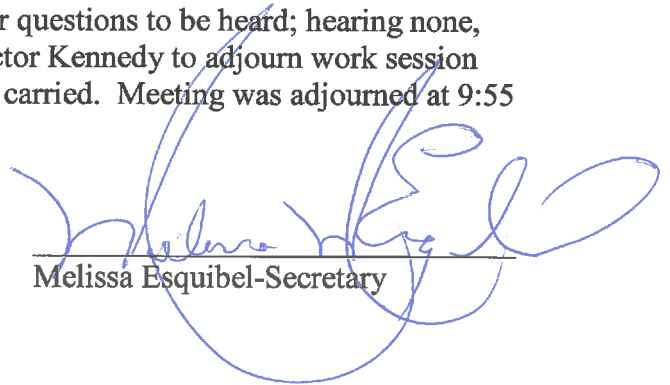
General Manager Winner reported on the Super Ditch. Super Ditch is off to a good start. They have been negotiating with interested parties.

General Manager Winner reported on Irrigation Consumptive Rules, the State request the Lower Arkansas Valley Conservancy District to administer this project. They are willing to give \$250,000 to this project field next year and at least another \$250,000 after it gets going. Winner stated I feel we have an opportunity for the District. The Board of Directors would like more information.

Christmas Bonuses were given to staff by Board of Directors.

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

  
John Singletary-Chairman

  
Melissa Esquibel-Secretary