

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

MINUTES

December 3, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District was held on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 11:14 a.m. at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

President Long announced a quorum was present.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Bill Long	Scott Reed	Harold Miskel
Carl McClure	Lissa Pinello	Gibson Hazard
David Simpson	Gary Bostrom	Kevin Karney
Vera Ortigón	Shawn Yoxey	
Alan Hamel-Advisory Board Member		

DIRECTORS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Reed Dils, Greg Johnson, Howard "Bub" Miller, and Ann Nichols.

DISTRICT OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Executive Director James Broderick; Administrative Manager Toni Gonzales; Projects Manager Phil Reynolds; Director of Engineering and Resource Management Bob Hamilton; Engineering Support Specialist Margie Medina; Chief Financial Officer Kathie Fanning; Administrative Associated Leann Noga; Garden Coordinator Liz Catt; Legal Counsel Steve Leonhardt, Lee Miller, and Alix Joseph; and Federal Lobbyist Ray Kogovsek.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:

President Long welcomed the visitors to the meeting, and asked them to introduce themselves and identify the organization they represented.

VISITORS PRESENT:

Chris Woodka, The Pueblo Chieftain; Roy Vaughan, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation; Rick Stevens, Fountain Valley Authority; Dwight Gardner, Senator Bennet's office; and Carl Genova, past SECWCD Board member.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long asked if the members of the Board had received their copy of the minutes of the November 12, 2009 Board meeting, and if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mrs. Ortegón moved, seconded by Mrs. Yoxey, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Scott Reed said that the November and December financial reports will be available for acceptance at the January 21, 2010 meeting.

Scott Reed moved for payment of the December bills, seconded by Mrs. Yoxey. Motion unanimously carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

2010 BUDGET APPROVAL

Lissa Pinello, Chairwoman of the Human Resources Committee; Carl McClure, Chairman of the Allocation Committee; Vera Ortegón, Chairwoman of the Resource & Engineering Planning Committee; Bill Long, Arkansas Valley Conduit Steering Group and Chairman of the Southeastern Arkansas Valley Conduit Committee; Harold Miskel, Excess Capacity and Enlargement groups and the Chairman of the PSOP Implementation Committee; and Scott Reed, Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee all confirmed their committees feel that the 2010 Proposed Budget meets the needs and goals of the District.

Scott Reed moved, seconded by Mrs. Pinello, that the Board approve Resolution and Order No. 2009-03DF for the adoption of the 2010 Proposed Budget as presented, and authorize the Chief Financial Officer to make any adjustments to the stated mill levies and amounts by December 14, 2009 that are necessary based on final assessed valuation figures received from the counties between December 3 and December 10, 2009. Motion unanimously carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION REPORT

None

DIVISION ENGINEER REPORT

Steve Witte submitted the following written report:

A) River and Reservoir Reports

- 1) John Martin Reservoir gates were closed on November 1 beginning a new Compact Year.
- 2) The Winter Storage program began on November 15. The river call will be set to March 1, 1910 pursuant to the terms of Case No. 84CW179, The Winter Water Decree.

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- B) I want to thank the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District for co-sponsoring the reception held on November 17, recognizing the efforts of those who contributed to Colorado's defense in the recently concluded case of Kansas v. Colorado. David Robbins and Dennis Montgomery faithfully and enthusiastically poured their considerable abilities and energies into this case, which spanned a significant portion of their careers to good effect and well deserved the recognition given them. For those of us who played lesser supporting roles, it was an honor to have been allowed to be included and have our contributions acknowledged.
- C) Compact matters
- 1) Compact Irrigation Consumption Rules were filed with the Division 2 Water Court on September 30. Twenty statements of opposition have been filed.
 - 2) The Arkansas River Compact Administration will meet in Garden City, Kansas, on December 8, 2009. Committee meetings will be held on Monday, December 7.

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT

None

PRESENTATIONS:

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

The Board was provided written reports on the following, which were posted on the Board website:

- Water Court Résumé
- 2010 Conference Calendar
- 2010 Board Meeting Schedule

OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS:

Mr. Broderick announced that Chief Financial Officer Kathie Fanning submitted her resignation to be effective December 31, 2009. Mr. Broderick said Mrs. Fanning's leadership, accounting, and government accounting skills were an asset to the District, and thanked her for her dedication. President Long thanked Mrs. Fanning for her service. Mrs. Fanning said she has enjoyed working with the Board and staff.

Mr. Broderick brought attention to the upcoming meetings:

- Arkansas River Compact Administration-December 8, Garden City, Kansas
- Four States Irrigation Council Annual Meeting-January 13-5, Fort Collins
- Colorado Water Congress Annual Meeting-January 27-29, Denver

Mr. Broderick requested that Board representation be at the Colorado Water Congress (CWC) meeting, due to the many projects of the District in the coming year. The Northern District and Southeastern District have a joint dinner meeting in conjunction with the CWC meeting.

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Mr. Broderick said the 2010 conference calendar and Board meeting schedule were posted to the Board website.

President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the meeting, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Gonzales
Administrative Manager

Secretary

