

Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Special (1<sup>st</sup>) Meeting of the  
Republican River Water Conservation District

August 10, 2004

Wray, Colorado

Present were:

Board Members:

Eugene Bauerle  
Grant Bledsoe  
Dennis Coryell  
Darrel Davis (sitting for Kelly Burr)  
Jack Dowell  
Kim Killin  
Steve Kramer  
Garry Kramer  
Bruce Latoski  
Stan Laybourn  
Raymond Enderson  
Tim Pautler  
Wayne Skold  
Jerry Sonnenberg  
Ted Tuell

Hal Simpson, State Engineer  
Ken Knox, Deputy State Engineer  
Scott Richrath, State Engineer's Office  
Peter Ampe, Assistant Attorney General  
Tim Davis, Colorado Division of Wildlife  
Dave Rebis, Water Commissioner  
Linda Briggs, Yuma County  
Dennis Kaan, Colorado State University Cooperative Extension  
Joel Schneekloth, Colorado State University Cooperative Extension  
Stan Murphy, Plains Ground Water Management District  
Robin Wiley, Yuma County Commissioner  
George Seward

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State Engineer Hal Simpson convened the meeting at approximately 10:00 am. All fifteen duly appointed Members of the Board of Directors were present. Mr. Simpson gave a short opening statement welcoming the Board.

Peter Ampe distributed a written oath of office to each Board Member. All Board Members signed the oath and the completed oaths were collected to be placed in the permanent records of the RRWCD.

Hal Simpson gave a brief synopsis of the history of the Republican River Compact and of the Kansas v. Colorado and Nebraska litigation. Ken Knox then gave a detailed presentation explaining the historical context rationale of the Compact, the events leading up to Kansas filing suit against Nebraska, a summary of the claims, court rulings and negotiation process in the litigation, a summary of the Final Settlement Stipulation agreed to by the three states and approved by the Supreme Court. Mr. Knox then explained the development and use of the computer ground water model used to calculate the effects of well pumping on stream flows and gave a brief summary of the current calculated depletions charged to the State of Colorado under the Compact. Mr. Knox answered various questions from several Members.

Mr. Ampe provided the Board with a brief overview of the requirements of the Public Meeting law and the Colorado Open Records Act and answered several questions.

The meeting broke for lunch from approximately 12:00 to 12:50 p.m.

Upon resumption, Mr. Ampe gave a brief summary of the Board's powers and responsibilities conferred upon the Board by the Republican River Water Conservation District Act and answered several questions. Mr. Ampe also distributed set of draft proposed By-Laws for the Board and suggested the Board put discussion and approval of the By-Laws on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Tim Davis spoke to the Board about several conservation reserve programs, explained some of the details, and answered questions from the board and the public. The Board made an informal request for Mr. Davis to present additional information to the Board at a place and time to be determined.

The Board then began a discussion regarding the individual Board members' views and thoughts regarding the actions the District could or should take in the future in order to meet its responsibilities in assisting the State of Colorado in fulfilling its obligations imposed by the Compact. The Board made several informal requests for additional information from the representatives of the State Engineer's Office and requested the information be presented, if possible, at the next Board Meeting.

A motion was made to set over the election of board officers until the next meeting. The motion was seconded and passed on a unanimous voice vote of 15-0.

A motion was made to make the Yuma County Courthouse in Wray, Colorado the "designated" place to post "full and timely notice" of future meetings in compliance with Colo Rev. Stat. § 24-6-402. The motion was seconded and passed on a unanimous voice vote of 15-0.

The board then heard additional general comments from the public. After this comment, the board discussed and set the agenda for the next meeting. A motion was made to set the next special meeting for August 17, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in Yuma, Colorado. The motion was seconded and passed on a unanimous voice vote of 15-0. Linda Briggs offered to post Public Notice of the next meeting. A motion was then made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed on a unanimous voice vote of 15-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:50 p.m.

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Secretary

Date