

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the  
Republican River Water Conservation District  
Budget Committee

September 8, 2004

Yuma, Colorado

Present were:

Committee Members:

Kim Killin – Committee Chair  
Kelly Burr  
Jack Dowell  
Bruce Latoski  
Ted Tuell

Dennis Kaan, Colorado State University, Golden Plains Cooperative Extension  
Scott Richrath, State Engineer's Office

No members of the public were present.

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Committee Chair Kim Killin called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 p.m. All members of the Committee were present. District President Dennis Coryell had previously excused himself from the meeting by notification to all Committee members and state staff.

Ms. Killin brought to the attention of the Committee the willingness of Y-W Electric Association to consider a loan to the District. The Committee discussed the possibility of presenting to Y-W on September 21 for such a loan. No formal action was taken.

Mr. Richrath briefly presented the effect of consumptive use and lagged depletions on compact compliance, given varying distances of wells from the streams. This was followed by discussion on well classifications, well locations, phreatophytes, and issues pertaining to consumptive use. Discussion then ensued on collection of assessments by the counties, equity of fee assessment, and other related topics.

Mr. Kaan then directed a discussion of line item budget expenses, including annual staff compensation and duties, annual operating expenses, contracted professional services, and capital expenditures. The Committee discussed each item, but agreed that no formal decisions should be made pertaining to the budget at this meeting.

The Committee broke from approximately 5:55 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Richrath then presented briefly on possible scenarios regarding acreage retirement and required associated funding. Discussion followed on the purchasing and leasing of acreage, the use of water on purchased, leased, and donated land, possible funding sources and amounts, and other issues. The Committee requested that Mr. Richrath prepare additional scenarios. No formal action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

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Secretary

Date