

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee of the  
Republican River Water Conservation District  
With the City of Wray

December 15, 2006

Wray, Colorado

Present were:

Board Members:

Dennis Coryell, President  
Kim Killin, Vice President  
Tim Pautler, Secretary  
Rick Seedorf, Treasurer  
Grant Bledsoe  
Bruce Latoski

City of Wray:

Stan Holmes, City Manager  
Kris Jones, Council Member  
Tim Entzel, Council Member  
Curt Soehner, Council Member  
Brent Anderson, Council Member

Stan Murphy, RRWCD General Manager  
Dana Barnett, RRWCD Administrative Assistant  
Ken Knox, State Engineer's Office  
Katie Radke, State Engineer's Office

President Coryell began the meeting with everyone introducing themselves and then gave the City of Wray the floor.

Stan Holmes gave an overview to the committee about challenges the city faces regarding water issues, and ideas and projects the City was working on. There is a potential community lake project with Mr. Jim Guercio, an added \$4 million cost to get the City into compliance with discharging into the river, a plan to have the Wray School District sign over its surface water right on the Wray ditch, and the fact that the city owns three wells within three miles of the river which are potentially vulnerable as the State of Colorado works towards Compact compliance.

President Coryell acknowledged that they were in a high risk area. Mr. Knox explained the decision on the Gallegos case and how it could impact the City. Mr. Knox also noted that municipal wells have no priority over irrigation wells. Mr. Knox agreed that any joint projects between the City and the District such as augmenting water with a pipeline or building a reservoir were viable, and there was State monies available for such projects.

Councilman Soehner asked Mr. Knox if he thought the acquisition of the water rights on the Wray ditch was a good avenue for the City. Mr. Knox said he thought it was worth looking into.

Director Killin reported on a phone conversation she had with the Department of Wildlife where moving the Fish Hatchery out of Wray was discussed and the DOW was interested in entering into talks about the availability of that property. That could be a potential joint project for the District and the City. Director Killin wanted the City to know that the District would be interested in pursuing any joint projects between the two entities.

There was a discussion about the District's interest in a pipeline project and how that may be beneficial to both entities. Council members had many questions about general plans regarding a pipeline and the impact it could have on the Compact and/or the citizens of Wray.

At this time, Mr. Knox and Ms. Radke had to leave, but noted to the City that they would be back sometime after the first of the year to attend a general public informational meeting and could meet with the City again.

Councilman Jones suggested that Mr. Holmes and Mr. Murphy meet from time to time as warranted to keep each other updated. President Coryell encouraged the City to attend the RRWCD Board meetings and gave the details of the January 11, 2007 meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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Secretary

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Date