

RRWCD Welcomes New Board Members – Elects Officers

The RRWCD Board President Rod Lenz opened the quarterly Board meeting by thanking outgoing Board members Byron Weathers and Jack Dowell, both of Yuma, CO.

The Board approved a resolution thanking Byron for his many years as a Republican River Water Conservation District Board member. Beginning in 2010, Byron has served on the RRWCD Board as the representative from Yuma County. He was elected Board Treasurer in 2010 and was a valued member of the pipeline technical advisory committee, the budget committee and the executive committee.

Jack Dowell was one of the founding members of the RRWCD and has represented the W-Y Ground Water Management District since 2005. The RRWCD will approve a resolution thanking Jack for his many years of service during an upcoming Board meeting.

Kenny Helling was appointed by the Yuma County Commissioners to represent Yuma County on the RRWCD Board.

Roger Seedorf has been asked to serve on the RRWCD Board by the W-Y Ground Water Management District Board of Directors.

The Board approved the 2017 budget as presented John Willard, of Premier Accounting. A copy of the 2017 budget is available for the public from the District office upon request.

State Engineer, Dick Wolfe and Assistant Engineer Mike Sullivan reported on the progress of negotiations with Kansas and Nebraska regarding the boundary of the South Fork of the Republican River and Bonny Reservoir.

Tim Davis, conservation program specialist reported on the status of the CREP program and on the Ogallala Aquifer Initiative water conservation programs.

Jim Slattery, of Slattery Engineering LLC, gave a water budget presentation in the Republican River Basin. He provided information showing depletions throughout the basin and in each ground water management district.

The Board elected the following officers to serve in 2017: Rod Lenz, Board President, Greg Larson, Vice President, Tim Pautler, Secretary and Aaron Sprague as Treasurer.

The official RRWCD Board minutes are available to the public after they have been approved by the Board.