

DEAVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
March 2, 2009

The meeting was opened at 7:05 p.m., by Melvyn. Those in attendance were: Melvyn Wambeke, Fred (Bill) Miller, John Wambeke, Dustin Reuter, Ralph Parker and Tyler Davison.. Absent: None. Employees: Jeff Wambeke and Susan Patterson. Guests: Doug McMullan (7:40)

Regular Business

Regular meeting minutes reviewed. John motioned to approve, Bill seconded. Corrections or additions called for: There were none. In favor of: All. Opposed: None. Abstained: None. Chair votes aye.

Bills reviewed. Bill motioned to pay the bills as listed, John seconded. Discussion. None. In favor of: All. Opposed: None. Abstained: None. Chair votes aye.

Tyler Davison took his oath of office for Commissioner District #5.

President Wambeke thanked Bill Miller for his years of service on the Board.

Reorganization of the Board

Nominations for President were called for. John nominated Melvyn, Dustin seconded. Nominations called for. Ralph nominated John. John declined the nomination. Nominations called for 3 times. There were no further nominations. Single nomination motion by Dustin, seconded by John. In favor of: 4. Opposed: None. Abstained: Melvyn, conflict of interest.

Nominations for Vice President were called for. Ralph nominated Dustin, John seconded. Nominations called for 3 times. There were no further nominations. Summary motion by John, Ralph seconded. In favor of: All. Opposed: None. Abstained: None. Chair votes aye.

Nominations for Secretary of the Board were called for. John nominated Tyler, Ralph seconded. Nominations called for 3 times. There were no further nominations. Summary motion by Ralph, seconded by John. In favor of: All. Opposed: None. Abstained: Tyler, conflict of interest. Chair votes aye.

Nominations for Secretary of the District called for. Ralph nominated Susan Patterson, John seconded. Nominations called for 3 times. Summary motion by John, seconded by Ralph. In favor of: All. Opposed: None. Abstained: None. Chair votes aye.

Appointment of accountant called for. John motioned to keep James Seckman as District accountant, Ralph seconded. Called for 3 times. Summary appointment motion Dustin, seconded by John. In favor of: All. Opposed: None. Abstained: None. Chair votes aye.

Appointment of attorney called for. John motioned to appoint Copenhaver, Kath, Kitchen and Kolpitcke as the District regular business attorney, Dustin seconded. Called for 3 times. In favor of: All. Opposed: None. Abstained: None. Chair votes aye.

John motioned to use Hagerman and Brighton for legal water rights issues as deemed necessary by the Board, Dustin seconded. Called for 3 times. In favor of: 4. Opposed: Ralph. Abstained: None. Chair votes aye. Motion carries.

Nominations for JPB representative. Bill Miller informed the Board that he would continue to represent Deaver on this Board if they wanted him to. Ralph motioned to have Bill stay on as JPB representative, John seconded. Nominations called for 3 times. No further nominations. Summary motion John, seconded Ralph. In favor of: All. Opposed: None. Abstained: None.

Old Business

Reclassification Guidelines. Reviewed recommended changes from Kara Brighton with the Board. The Board accepted the changes as per her recommendation, but wanted to add a paragraph that states “Upon completion of all conditions, and the water right petition being filed with the Board of Control, the Board may motion at a regular board meeting to temporarily approve the contract while waiting on the water right petition to being granted by the Board of Control. At such time as the Board of Control grants the water right, the contract would then be executed.”

Manager Report

Jeff:

- Done laying pipe on 114F. Building headgate and box structure. Going to put a headgate at the canal, so can close off during the winter. Do not want leave 36” pipe opened.
- When done at 114F we are going to try and install the ramp flume on the Deaver.
- Need to work on top chute before water.
- Melvyn went over some information with the Board and Jeff on some work and bills that might be coming from Shoshone for work on the Frannie.
- Melvyn informed all that in a couple years Shoshone is planning on redoing Buck Creed undershot and possible some Corbett Tunnel improvements. Just want aware of possible expenditures that could be coming.

Susan:

- Response from the USBR on the renewal of the District’s grazing lease contract. There have been some changes on a USBR level. Current grazing lease between the District and the landowner reads “Agriculture and Grazing Lease”. To keep “Agriculture” as a part of the agreement, SHPO and archeologist concerns arise. If the Board is willing to just have “Grazing” leases, the renewal process should be fairly simple. In depth discussion on this. John motioned to accept new contract for grazing leases without agriculture, Tyler seconded. In favor of: All. Opposed: None. Abstained: None. Chair votes aye.
- Update from USBR on Town of Deaver proposed land acquisition. This process can be done but there are many channels that it would need to go through and other agencies would have first choice of land use. In the event no other agency wanted the lands in question, the land would go to the General Administration for disposal. Reviewed other instances with the Board. At this point it looks like the Town of Deaver would just like to establish a park. Discussion on 100 year lease. Discussion on whether they would be in our right of way and we could just approve. Decision was to talk with John Lawson about this at his annual visit.
- Stimulus money. Paul Wambeke was in Washington DC for beet growers association. He meet with lawmakers. He discussed the possible of irrigation district’s receiving some of this stimulus money for improvements. Cynthia Lummus suggested that the irrigation district get a hold Lynne Boomgaard about applying for stimulus money. In depth discussion with the Board. Susan to work on finding contact and applying for

approximately \$3M for pipelines and measuring devices. Will also see if there is any program for debt forgiveness of our existing loans.

Public Comment

None.

New Business

Date for Commissioner Tour. Tabled until April Board Meeting.

John motioned adjourn at 8:50 p.m., Ralph seconded.

/s/ Signed original on file at Distirct Office
PRESIDENT

These minutes approved this 6th day of April, 2009.

/s/ Signed original on file at Distirct Office
OFFICE MANAGER