

East Larimer County Water District
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting

Tuesday – 5:30 P.M.

March 18, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER

Loren Maxey, Chairman of the Board of Directors, called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Loren Maxey, Scott Baker, Vern Sunset, Ed Laudick

Directors Absent: Randy Siddens

Others Present: Mike Scheid, General Manager; Kathy Phipps, Administrative Manager and CFO; Shawn Hoff, Water Resources Manager
Soldier Canyon Filter Plant;

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING ON FEBRUARY 19, 2008

Ed Laudick moved for approval of the February 19, 2008 regular meeting minutes as presented. Vern Sunset seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT REPORT

Scott Baker moved for approval of the Financial and Investment reports. El Laudick seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

5. SOLDIER CANYON FILTER PLANT REPORT

The Soldier Canyon Steering Committee meeting minutes from March 6 were included for discussion. Dan Schommer presented the 2007 Audit to the Steering Committee.

Webb Jones gave an update on Halligan & Seaman Project. The Tri-Districts ability to change the use of their North Poudre Shares was discussed.

As required by the Inter Governmental Agreement, when the plant reaches 80% capacity, as it did last summer, the Tri-Districts are to begin investigating the next plant expansion. Tom Ullmann attended the meeting to begin discussing plans for increasing plant capacity.

The Steering Committee moved to purchase one share on Larimer County Number 2 Irrigating Company.

Snow pack reports continue to provide a positive outlook for 2008 spring runoff.

6. EAST RIDGEN GRAVEL PIT STORAGE PROJECT UPDATE

Before ELCO can move forward in securing financing for East Ridgen, the Project must be accurately defined. Recently ELCO staff met with a representative of Water Management Consultants and an independent consulting engineer at the East Ridgen site to discuss preliminary design and operation of the project. Completion of an operational lined storage vessel, including the infrastructure required to move water into and out of the reservoir, is Districts goal. A proposal for engineering services is expected soon. When this proposal is received a consultant will be selected to prepare a loan feasibility study that must be submitted along with the loan application to Colorado Water Conservation Board.

The Board discussed Flatiron Companies, the owner of East Ridgen; desire to begin site preparation this summer. Flatiron would like ELCO to fund the work. The Board requested information regarding any commitments Flatiron may have made regarding the location of a bike trail on the property.

7. HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ARRANGEMENT (HRA) VESTING PROPOSAL

Ed Laudick moved for approval of the HRA vesting schedule of 20% per year after one year of employment with an employee being fully vested after 5 year. Scott Baker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

After a brief discussion it was decided to incorporate a death benefit in the HRA plan document.

Scott Baker made a motion to adopt the resolution creating the East Larimer County Water District Health Reimbursement Arrangement effective April 1, 2008. Ed Laudick seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. WATER RIGHTS / OVERLAND TRAIL PONDS UPDATE

Shawn Hoff attended the meeting to discuss the purchase of Overland Trail Pond No.1. Ernest money is due in April 2008. The inspection period ends on June 25, 2008. Closing is contingent upon the State Engineer's Office issuing a written determination approving construction of the Reservoir as suitable for lined water storage. Closing is expected in 2009 but no later than December 31, 2011.

Ed Laudick made a motion to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Mark Linder for purchase of Overland Trail Pond No. 1. Vern Sunset seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

9. CANCELLATION OF ELECTION

Vern Sunset made a motion to adopt resolution 03-01-2008 authorizing the Designated Election Official to Cancel the Election. Scott Baker seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Because there were no more candidates for director than offices to be filled, the May 2008 election was cancelled. Notice of Cancellation and Certified Statement of Results will be posted and published as

required by state statutes.

10. MANAGERS REPORT

The February 29th Halligan-Seaman Water Management Project Summary was included as an informational item. Loren plans to attend the Shared Vision Planning meeting scheduled for April 2-3.

The Board packet included a graph depicting the snow-pack conditions as of March 1, 2008. Although “snow water equivalents in the Cache La Poudre River basin are down slightly from 2007, the level is at 108% of average.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Staff requested feed back from the Board related to the proposed bidding process for the coordinated areas of the NEWT and GWET transmission lines. The intent currently is to have separate bids for NEWT and GWET under one contract. This could result in the lowest combined bid not being the lowest bid for either NEWT or GWET. To avoid potential conflicts, it was recommended that contractors submit a bid combining the projects as previously described and separate bids for the individual projects. This would alleviate the concern of getting locked into a contract that is not in either NEWT or Greeley’s best interest.

12. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no other business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Secretary

Approved: _____
President