

East Larimer County Water District
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting

Tuesday – 5:30 P.M.

September 16, 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, Vern Sunset, Scott Baker, Ed Laudick, Randy Siddens

Directors Absent: None

Others Present: Mike Scheid, General Manager; Lynn Jacquart, Senior Accounting Specialist; Melissa Tremelling, Senior Billing Specialist; Darwin Williams, District Engineer; Shawn Hoff, Water Resources Manager Soldier Canyon Filter Plant; Daniel Rice, Boyle Engineering

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

Scott Baker moved for approval of the August 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 August 2008 Financial and Investment reports. Ed Laudick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Scott indicated the rating agencies may begin looking at municipal bonds in the same way they look at corporate credit. That could mean an upgrade of the municipal bond market leading to lower borrowing costs in the future.

5. SOLDIER CANYON FILTER PLANT REPORT

Minutes from the September 4th Steering Committee meeting were included with the Board packet.

De-watering sludge from Soldier Canyon has proven to be more challenging than originally projected. The Steering Committee authorized purchase of a larger tank to be used in conjunction with the de-watering press.

Tom Ullmann with TEC attended the Steering Committee meeting to present a proposed “scope of study” for the Master Plan for Soldier Canyon. Tom will revise the proposal for presentation at the Tri-District Managers meeting on

September 25th.

6. WATER RESOURCES

Shawn Hoff reported on the strategy for 2009 carry-over water. The Tri-Districts ability to carry over surplus C-BT using North Poudre capacity will be reduced in 2008-2009.

District staff intends to pursue purchase of the Coy Ditch water right. Several offers have been made, the first being in 2002, the last being in 2005. The value of the water right diminishes every year that goes by without it being used.

7. EAST RIGDEN STORAGE PROJECT

Mike updated the Board on the status of funding from CWCB. Although they will not be able to fund the project as it is currently planned, they proposed several scenarios that would qualify for funding. ELCO staff has asked The Colorado Water and Power Development Authority to review the project and proposal to see if it would qualify for funding through one of their loan programs.

Shawn Hoff discussed the dry up requirement and the report from Applegate related to Box Elder Ditch.

8. NEWT PIPELINE

Daniel Rice with Boyle Engineering attended the meeting to discuss their estimated fees associated with the NEWT participant's decision to split from Greeley's GWET pipeline project in the proposed new Vine Drive alignment. A draft estimate illustrating three scenarios for construction services was included in the Board packet. After discussion of the information, Ed Laudick made a motion to approve payment of costs related to separating NEWT from GWET as well as costs to combine NEWT 1 Phase 1 with NEWT 1 Phase 2. The costs are "not to exceed" 50% the total project budget of \$48,816 presented by Boyle Engineering. Randy Siddens seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

9. 2009 BUDGET SCHEDULE AND APPOINTMENT OF BUDGET OFFICER

Scott Baker moved to appoint Mike Scheid as Budget Officer for 2009. Vern Sunset seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

10. MANAGERS REPORT

Credit Card Payments:

ELCO customers currently have two options available to pay electronically. Accounts may be paid on the District website using an e-check only, or customers may schedule a recurring draft from a checking or savings account. Associated fees for these services are being absorbed by ELCO.

Staff has been receiving more and more requests to pay with a credit card. Melissa Tremelling, Senior Billing Specialist, has researched credit card payments options available to the District and has included information from "Point & Pay". This vendor charges a convenience fee

to the individual customers making the credit card payment. The fee is based on the dollar amount of the transaction. ELCO will incur no additional fees. The Board expressed support for offering the new service. Existing payment options will continue to be available at no charge.

Petition for Exclusion:

A petition for exclusion for property on North Shields was presented for consideration. Northern Colorado Water Association is better able to serve the property. After briefly discussing the matter Scott Baker moved to grant the exclusion. Vern Sunset seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

NCWCD Minutes:

Minutes from the July 11th Board Meeting of the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District were included with this agenda item.

Notice of Creation of Anheuser Busch Park & Recreation District:

A copy of a notice of public hearing regarding the organization of Anheuser Busch Park and Recreation District was discussed briefly.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

To accommodate various schedules the board meeting originally scheduled for October 21st will be held on October 14, 2008.

Staff was asked to research and consider assessing a fee to customers requesting property inclusions or exclusions.

The XERISCAPE Demonstration Garden at Pump Station #1 is complete and available for viewing by appointment.

Reservation packets were distributed to those attending the SDA Conference in Breckenridge tomorrow.

12. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Randy Siddens moved to adjourn the meeting. Vern Sunset seconded and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Secretary

Approved: _____
President