

Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2009

The Board of Directors of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 23, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at the Fire Station, Lake City, Colorado.

Board members present: Ralph Grover, Gary Hausler, Rebie Hazard, Bill Nesbitt, Jim Pike, Brett Redden, Steve Schechter, George Sibley, Ken Spann, and Dennis Steckel.

Board member not present: Steve Glazer.

Others Present:

Allen Brown, Hinsdale County Commissioner
Frank Kugel, General Manager
John McClow, General Counsel
Bob Hurford, Colorado Division of Water Resources
Perk Vickers
Stan Whinnery, Hinsdale County Commissioner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Brett Redden called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

The Agenda was moved, seconded, and approved as circulated.

3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Rebie Hazard asked that the Monthly Budget Report be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

The remaining portion of the Consent Agenda was moved, seconded, and approved.

Rebie asked about the payment to the Upper Colorado Endangered Fish Recovery Program. She voiced concern that the full amount budget for 2009 had already been expended. John explained that the \$3000 was a one-time annual payment and that the District has now fulfilled its financial obligation to the Program for 2009.

The Monthly Budget Report was moved, seconded, and approved.

4. LEGAL MATTERS

John gave a brief report regarding the Aspinall Unit Draft Environmental Impact Statement. He will coordinate with Frank and Colorado River District staff to prepare comments and will have a draft comment letter for review at the March meeting. He urged board members to read the draft and provide him with any comments.

5. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Ralph Grover moved and Bill Nesbitt seconded to monitor Senate Bill 09-165 (concerning grants to small communities for water and wastewater projects). Representative Curry is the House Sponsor.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Frank Kugel stated that the average for the five SNOTELs in the Upper Gunnison basin was 105% of normal. This compares to 148% of normal on this date last year.

7. BOARD/STAFF/COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Treasurer's Report:

Gary Hausler passed around a spreadsheet summarizing transfers he made from ColoTrust to various local banking institutions, including a \$175k transfer to the First National Bank of Lake City immediately prior to the meeting.

Gunnison Basin Roundtable:

Ken Spann reported that a great deal of effort has been put forth in refining the Non-consumptive Needs Study. Large maps were placed around the room at the last GBRT meeting and attendees offered a number of suggested changes. Frank stated that Jennifer Gimbel of Colorado Water Conservation Board and Alex Davis of the Department of

Natural Resources will be presenting an update on the Colorado River Water Availability Study at the March Roundtable meeting.

Project Committee:

There was no discussion of the Project Committee.

Lake San Cristobal:

Ralph Grover stated that this was covered in the Special Meeting earlier today.

Strategic Planning Workgroup:

Ralph Grover said there was no news to report.

8. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Because Steve Glazer was ill and unexpectedly not able to attend the meeting, John McClow presented a PowerPoint show that summarized the memo in the board packet regarding a proposed study of macroinvertebrates in the Gunnison Basin. The matter was tabled until the March meeting so that Steve and Dr. Kevin Alexander could be present to answer questions regarding the study.

Frank Kugel mentioned that he accompanied representatives from Gunnison County Electric Association to Taylor Park Dam to familiarize them with the outlet works and its proximity to an existing GCEA transformer.

9. UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS

No unscheduled citizens requested to speak.

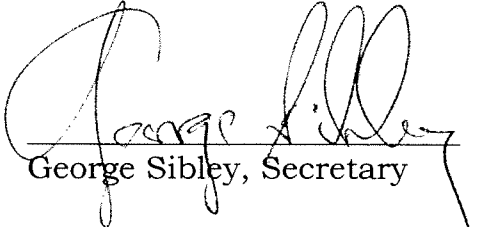
10. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District Board of Directors will take place on Monday, March 23, 2009 at the District's offices.

11. ADJOURNMENT

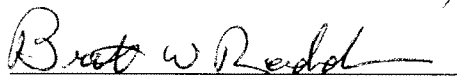
Board President Brett Redden adjourned the February 23, 2009 meeting at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



George Sibley, Secretary

APPROVED:



Brett W. Redden, President