

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**UPPER YAMPA WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015 (10:00 AM)
3310 CLEAR WATER TRAIL, STEAMBOAT SPRINGS**

MINUTES

Chairman John Redmond called the meeting to order. In addition to Chairman Redmond, the Committee members present were Tom Sharp, Greg Hermann, Ken Brenner, and Doug Monger. General Manager Kevin McBride, District Engineer Andy Rossi, and General Counsel Bob Weiss were also present.

The following agenda was proposed:

AGENDA

- (1) Establishment of Quorum and Call to Order;
- (2) Approval of Agenda for Meeting;
- (3) Land Matters;
 - a) Lay/Miles Property action item
 - b) Glas Deffryn Conservation Easement
- (4) Colorado Water Plan Update;
- (5) Executive Session with Bob Weiss, legal counsel, under CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) to discuss legal issues on Stahl litigation. Mere presence or participation of an attorney at an executive session of the local political body is not sufficient to satisfy the requirements of this subsection (4).
- (6) Adjournment

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1. The Agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved.
2. General Manager McBride advised the Executive Committee that the District had been approached by Ralph Cantafio, an attorney for Betty Lay and Hattie Miles, who own 107.67 acres of property near the proposed Morrison Creek Reservoir. This matter was discussed by the Board at the January 22, 2015 Board meeting and the matter was referred by the Board to the Executive Committee. General Manager McBride informed the Executive Committee that the District staff had looked at the property and believes it might have value for the proposed Morrison Creek Reservoir or for the Upper Morrison Creek Diversion project. The first mortgage holder is initiating a foreclosure action and the sale date is scheduled for April 29, 2015. Any acquisition of the property by the District would require a short sale arrangement with the lenders. The Executive Committee authorized counsel and District staff to write a letter of interest to Mr. Cantafio stating that the District has some interest in acquiring the property if an acceptable agreement can be reached.
3. The Executive Committee next discussed the south boundary of the Stagecoach reservoir property. The adjacent property is owned by a Trust represented by Steven Williams. The Union ditch encroaches onto the Williams property and the District has had discussions with Mr. Williams about acquiring the title to the ditch right of way. The survey work has now been completed. The Executive Committee authorized District staff to continue negotiations with Williams.
4. The Colorado water plan update was discussed. The Board discussed items related to the Development of the Colorado Water Plan including discussions of the IBCC, the West Slope Caucus, and Yampa White Roundtable. The Board reiterated the need for an allotment of native flow (i.e. equitable apportionment) from the Yampa River Basin. They acknowledged the discussions from other basins as to their opinions of how water might be apportioned in the event of Colorado River Compact administration. The District has supported the Yampa White Roundtables white paper and did not think that the General Manager, while representing the District, should advise the other Roundtables as to how all basins could achieve their objectives. However, they agreed that we should continue to represent our interests.
5. There was no executive session.

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I certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct summary of the proceedings at the above referenced meeting.



Kevin McBride, District Secretary/Manager