

**ELEPHANT BUTTE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 24, 2008**

The Board of Directors of the Elephant Butte Irrigation District held a special meeting for the purpose of discussing the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Budget. Also presented was reclassification of water rights for three year delinquent and voluntary suspensions. The meeting was held on Wednesday, September 24, 2008. The meeting was called to order by President James Salopek on a motion by Bill Gary, seconded by Ramon Alvarez. Motion carried. Jerry Franzoy, Joe Nelson and Tom Simpson were absent.

Roll Call

EBID Staff present were Gary Esslinger, Treasurer-Manager; Henry Magallanez, Engineering Supervisor; and Gail Norvell, Controller. Also present were Linda Armijo, Engineering Land Specialist, Jean Hinsley, Engineering Resource Specialist, and A.J. Carlson, Engineering Land Water Analyst.

The first item on the agenda was a reclassification of water rights that were either delinquent more than three years or voluntary suspensions. All of the involuntary suspensions had received numerous notifications of delinquency and impending suspension if the accounts were not paid to current status. The list was also published in the Las Cruces Sun News on September 17, 2008. Total acres to be suspended were 107.85. These acres will be transferred to other tracts. Henry recommended suspension and transfer of these 107.85 water righted acres. Bill Gary motioned approval of the suspension and transfer. Willie Koenig seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reclassification
Hearing

Henry introduced A.J. Carlson, his newest employee, to the Board. A.J. is an Engineering Land Water Analyst who will be working on land and water transfers.

Next on the agenda was a Resolution of Condolence on the death of Carlos Marin, IBWC Commissioner, who perished in a plane wreck in Presidio, Texas on September 15, 2008. The Resolution is attached to these minutes. Robert Faubion motioned to adopt the Resolution and Bill Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried. Gary said that the loss of Carlos Marin would be tough on the District as no one knows the river as well as Carlos.

Resolution of
Condolence

Gail Norvell presented an amendment to the FY 2007-08 Budget. Robert Faubion motioned and Bill Gary seconded to approve the budget as amended. Motion carried. Board Resolution 2008-05 is attached to these minutes.

FY 2007-08 Budget
Amendment

Gail presented options for the FY 08-09 budget for review and discussion. The FY 08-09 budget accepted includes assessments for farm rates at \$80 per WRA for all allotted water and comparable increases to the flat rate assessments. Bill Gary motioned and Robert Faubion seconded to approve the budget. Motion carried.

FY 2008-09 Budget
Approval

There being no further business, Bill Gary motioned and Ramon Alvarez seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

JAMES SALOPEK, President

WILLIE KOENIG, Secretary