

**ELEPHANT BUTTE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 13, 2010**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Elephant Butte Irrigation District was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010. The meeting was called to order by President James Salopek on a motion by Jerry Franzoy, seconded by Scott Adams. Motion carried. Robert Faubion and Ramon Alvarez were absent.

Roll Call

EBID personnel present were Henry Magallanez, Engineering Supervisor; James Narvaez, Hydrology Director; Gail Norvell, Controller; Linda Armijo, Land Specialist; Ricardo Bejarano, Water Master; and Valerie Beversdorf, CR & GIS Director. Also present was Employee Advisory Committee Rep., Gina Dominguez.

Also present were Steve Hernandez, Steve Hubert, Lee Peters and Samantha Barncastle, Hubert & Hernandez, P.A; Calvin Chavez, OSE; Hillary Brinegar, NM Dept of Ag.; Jerry Schickendanz, People for Preserving our Western Heritage; and constituents Chuck and Barbara George, Arturo O. Lucero and Stan Hargraves.

The Open Meetings Act Resolution, 2009-01, was presented for reaffirmation. Robert Sloan motioned and Scott Adams seconded. Motion carried.

Open Meetings Act Resolution

Scott Adams, Thomas Simpson and Robert Sloan read the Oath of Office and were sworn in for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2013. Ramon Alvarez was absent and will be sworn in at the February meeting.

Swearing in of Directors

Jerry Franzoy motioned and Scott Adams seconded that the officers stand as previously appointed. Motion carried. Officers are as follows:

Appointment of Officers

James Salopek, President/Chairman
Robert Faubion, Vice President/Vice Chairman
Willie Koenig, Secretary
Gary Esslinger, Treasurer-Manager

Tom Simpson motioned to adopt the committee assignments as presented. Scott Adams seconded. Motion carried. Committee assignments are as follows:

Committee Assignments

P	NAME	WRC	Exec	Bud	Dmg	Pers	Comp	Eqp	Ret	LID/ Arroyo
1	Franzoy				X		*	X		
2	Adams				X		*			X
3	Faubion	X	X	X		X	*		X	X
4	Simpson		X	X		X	*			
5	Koenig	X	X	X		X	*		X	X
6	Sloan	Alt					*	X	Alt	
7	Salopek	X	X	X		X	*		X	
8	Alvarez				X		*	X		X
9	Nelson	X	Alt	Alt	X	Alt	*	X	X	
	Staff	Mgr	Mgr	Co	WM	HR	Mgr	Mnt	Co	Mnt

Jerry Franzoy motioned and Willie Koenig seconded to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The water supply outlook was presented. The storage totals for January 1, 2010 with a comparison for last year are as follows:

Water Supply

	<u>01/01/09</u>	<u>01/01/10</u>
Elephant Butte	617810	525490
Caballo	<u>21370</u>	<u>29760</u>
Total Storage	635550	555250

Items on the calendar were discussed: Gary will attend the State Water Plan Dialog meeting in Albuquerque on the 14th; he is speaking at the Farm Bureau Lunch on the 19th; and he will take mandatory safety training in Albuquerque on the 28th. In February, there is the Multi State Salinity Coalition and the WESTCAS conference both on the 17th which is a conflict. The Board approved the manager to use his discretion on which conference would be most beneficial and less costly to attend. The February meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on the 10th.

Calendar of Events

Gary informed the Board that he and Steve Hernandez may be going to Washington DC toward the end of the month to meet with Senator Bingaman and his staff on FERC issues and the low head power generation project. The District must be exempted from FERC or the project will not proceed. Willie questioned whether or not this was in the District's best interest to proceed with the project. The intent of the project was explained and it was reiterated by staff that if developing low head power would interfere with the delivery to farms and become cost prohibitive, then the project would be dropped. Board approved to send the Manager and one lawyer if the meeting was set up.

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