

**ELEPHANT BUTTE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 29, 2011**

The Board of Directors of the Elephant Butte Irrigation District held a special meeting for the purpose of discussing the beginning date of the 2011 Irrigation Season.

Roll Call

The meeting was held on Friday, April 29, 2011 at the District's offices located at 530 South Melendres, Las Cruces, NM. The meeting was called to order by President James Salopek on a motion by Jerry Franzoy, seconded by Scott Adams. Motion carried. All Board Members were present.

EBID Staff present were Gary Esslinger, Treasurer-Manager; Richard Bejarano, Water Master; and James Narvaez, Hydrology Director; Delyce Maciel, HR/Safety Director; Henry Magallanez, Engineering Supervisor; Valerie Beversdorf, CR/GIS Specialist; Leo Barrett, Maintenance Project Director.

Also present were Steve Hernandez and Samantha Barncastle; Law Office of Steve L. Hernandez, and Phil King, Hydrology Consultant. Salvador T. Nunez, EBID Constituent, Tom Belczak EBID Constituent and Erik Ness, Media Consultant.

Dr. King announced that 52,000 acft was available in storage and that with a 55% delivery efficiency that this would equal a 3.8 inch allotment to start the season. The Board of Directors chose to round it up to 4 inch allotment.

2011 Irrigation
Season

The Board of Directors discussed the start up date for the 2011 Irrigation Season and decided that it would be best to begin on May 31st and hope that the Spring runoff and the monsoon season would be able to push out the season further than July 2nd. Dispatch will begin taking orders on May 23rd. Small track users at this time are expected to receive one flat rate weekend, a date has not yet been determined.

Discussions continued on pursuing the relinquishment of 100,000 acft from the NM Rio Grande Compact Commissioner, John D'Antonio and utilize this water as well. It was recommended that the letter be addressed to the Texas RG Compact Commissioner, Pat Gordon. It was noted that if all of the scenarios were attainable that the irrigation season could extend out thru August and perhaps the first week of September.

The Board of Directors chose to be conservative and only announce a 4 inch allotment to begin the season, and then as water became available increase the allotment. They assigned Erik Ness, Media Consultant, to issue a press release immediately. The Board of Directors and Gary Esslinger suggest one more set of Growers Meetings would be best to give constituents a better understanding of the different scenarios that may take effect this irrigation season and drought conditions.

Following discussion, Robert Faubion motioned and Ramon Alvarez seconded to begin the 2011 Irrigation Season on May 31, 2011 with a 4 inch allotment and begin taking orders on May 23, 2011. Motion carried.

Robert Faubion motioned and Joe Nelson seconded to go into closed session to discuss legal matters. Motion carried. Pursuant to Section 10-15-1-h, NMSA of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, the following topics shall be discussed in closed session:

State ex. rel. D'Antonio vs. EBID CV 96-888 (Stream Adj.) SSI 101 and 104

Following closed session, Scott Adams motioned and Willie Koenig seconded to return to open session. Motion carried. No topics other than those set forth above

were discussed at the closed session

Joe Nelson motioned to send a letter and a Conditional Joint Resolution to the Texas Rio Grande Compact Commissioner Pat Gordon requesting that he ask NM Compact Commissioner John D'Antonio to reconsider EBID's request for 100,000 acft relinquishment Scott Adams second. Motion Carried

There being no further business, Willie Koenig motioned and Jerry Franzoy seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Adjourn

JAMES SALOPEK, President

WILLIE KOENIG, Secretary