

**ELEPHANT BUTTE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 8, 2011**

The Board of Directors of the Elephant Butte Irrigation District held a special meeting for the purpose of discussing the 2011 Loan Offer by NM Compact Commissioner John D'Antonio.

Roll Call

The meeting was held on Friday, July 8, 2011 at the District's office located at 530 South Melendres, Las Cruces, NM. The meeting was called to order by President James Salopek on a move by Robert Sloan, seconded by Scott Adams. Motion carried. Willie Koenig, Ramon Alvarez and Tom Simpson were absent.

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

Also present were Steve Hernandez and Samantha Barncastle; Law Office of Steve L. Hernandez, and Phil King, Hydrology Consultant and Erik Ness, Media Consultant.

Dr. King announced that there would not be a relinquishment as requested from the NM Compact Commissioner. If a relinquishment were granted it would put the State of NM in debit standings for next year. The only other option was a loan that was offered by the NM Compact Commissioner. It was an offer made similar to the 1951 Colorado and TX permission to release water. In the 1951 Board Minutes, it was never stated to be a loan, but more a continued release with payback of water to come when available. It showed that the two districts asked for a relinquishment and permission for release at the beginning of the year in February. In 1951 the Bureau was running the project and the two districts were not distinguished for separate allotments. Two important factors played a role in the relinquishment and it was the time they requested it and the manner it was released from storage.

2011 Loan Offer

James Narvaez advises the board that the loan amount of water in the offer would only last for three weeks and if we do not take this "loan" we will get 100 percent on January 1st.

Gary Esslinger adds that if there is a good monsoon the district can capture it in the districts systems. It will run through the system and farmers that can take it will have the opportunity to use it.

Following discussion, a move by Robert Faubion seconded by Scott Adams was made to decline the loan offer by NM Compact Commissioner John D'Antonio. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Scott Adams moved and Robert Sloan seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Adjourn