

**ELEPHANT BUTTE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 2, 2012**

The special board meeting of the Board of Directors of the Elephant Butte Irrigation District was held on Tuesday, October 2, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Robert Faubion on a motion by Jerry Franzoy, seconded by Willie Koenig. Motion carried. James Salopek, Bobby Kuykendall, Robert Sloan and Ramon Alvarez were absent.

Roll Call

EBID personnel present were Gary Esslinger, Treasurer/Manager; Gail Norvell, Controller; Valerie Beversdorf, CR/GIS Director; Leo Barrett, Maintenance Director; Delyce Maciel, HR-Safety Director; Zack Libbin, Junior Engineer; Chuy Morales, Eng Field Tech; Richard Bejarano, Watermaster; and Erech Fuchs, Groundwater Resource Manager.

Also present was Greg Daviet, EBID member.

Robert Faubion gave a short update on the monthly meeting of the Board of the Farm Bureau and the status of water in 2012. He indicated that Farm Bureau would be a strong advocate for any water related issues that the District would bring to them.

Farm Bureau update

Zack Libbin and Leo Barrett presented an update on the proposed fabrication shop. The EBID executive committee previously met with EBID staff and PSC to review and discuss the fabrication shop. The merits and costs benefits of fabrication projects produced by EBID employees with the use of the new fabrication shop were discussed, as well as the safety aspects for employees and the safety of how work is performed. An updated cost analysis has been provided by PSC. EBID staff are able to review the details of the project materials and calculate cost savings when procuring materials thru bid processes, as well as factoring in EBID labor. PSC is to provide the permits, blueprints and engineering services for fabrication shop design, and EBID is to procure the materials and provide the labor for construction of the shop. The fabrication shop project proposal is to be included in the budget proposals before the Board of Directors for review and approval.

Fabrication Shop update

Zack Libbin presented maps for viewing and discussion for proposed infrastructure improvements which includes pipe and pumps for Units 3A and 3B to improve water delivery and provide conservation benefits, as well as other areas within the District. The Middle, Mesilla, Eastside, Frudenthal, Rincon and Laguna Laterals and the Mesilla Drain were presented as proposed projects. Infrastructure projects, pending funding in the upcoming budgets, are to be included in the budget proposals before the Board of Directors for review and approval.

3A/3B Infrastructure Improvements

Gail presented a Resolution to amend the FY 2011-2012 budget. There was a great amount of discussion regarding borrowing money for more water conservation projects or utilizing the funds that were in the District's reserve account. It was decided to pursue our own cash reserves and utilize this fund to further develop water conservation projects. The Board was cautious about keeping at least ten percent in the reserves for emergencies. Willie Koenig motioned and Jerry Franzoy second to approve the amended budget for FY 2011-2012. Motion carried.

Resolution 2012-09 2011-2012 Budget Amendment

Gail presented the budget for FY 2012-2013. Jerry Franzoy motioned and Scott Adams seconded to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried.

Resolution 2012-08 2012-2013

The Board of Directors read and approved Resolution 2012-10 – retirement of Robert Jaurigue. Tom Simpson motioned and Willie Koenig seconded to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Board Resolution 2012-10

Vice President Robert Faubion called to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, Jerry Franzoy moved and Willie Koenig seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Adjourn

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday October 12, 2012.