

**Minutes from the Special Meeting of the
Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District
Wednesday, July 25, 2012
Rio Blanco County
Commissioners' Meeting Room
200 Main Street, Meeker, CO 81641**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m.

Roll Call

Directors Present:

Mike Brennan
Gary Dunham
Kelly Sheridan
Benjamin Rogers
Walter Proctor

Others Present by telephone:

Scott Balcomb, General Counsel
Scott Grosscup, General Counsel
Sarah Klahn, Special Counsel

Executive Session

At 11:16 a.m. Director Rogers moved that the Board go into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e) to confer with its attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on a specific legal question and determining positions relative to matters subject to negotiations, Director Dunham second, all in favor.

At 11:32 a.m. the Executive session concluded. The participants in the executive session included those directors present and above counsel. No party who participated in the Executive Session raised any objection to the matters discussed therein, or stated that any improper action occurred during the Executive Session in violation of the Open Meetings Law.

Return to Public Meeting

Director Brennan moved for approval of the proposed stipulation between the YJWCD, C Lazy S Ranch Inc., and Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land trust as presented and subject to final approval by counsel of the exhibits attached to the proposed settlement. Director Proctor second, all in favor.

Director Proctor moved to reject the settlement proposal offered by the Livingston Ranch Owners, and indicate to the Livingston Ranch Owners that the YJWCD would entertain a proposal that is limited to the protection of their lands and water rights similar to the proposal offered by C Lazy S and CCALT. Director Brennan second all in favor.

New Business

Director Brennan had questions regarding the past board authorizations for payment of services to the law firm of Cooley Zagar-Brown, P.C. Scott Grosscup indicated that no action was taken at the last meeting to approve payment or the payment plan proposed by Cooley Zagar-Brown. Director Proctor suggested that the Board needs to consider its present fixed expenses as well as other expenses such as legal and other consultants to develop summary sheet and payment plan. Directors Proctor and Brennan agreed to form a sub-committee and report to the full board at a future meeting.

Director Brennan said that he received a call from Cooley Zagar-Brown regarding the YJWCD's files presently stored at that office. Director Proctor agreed to provide a location for storage of these files, provided that inspection by the public at that location would be limited to members of the YJWCD and its staff and that if the public did request such inspection, it would be at another location.

Director Brennan also asked about future audits. He will contact Colorado CPA to discuss what will be required for future audits of the YJWCD.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2012

Signed: _____

Attest: _____