
50TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
REPUBLICAN RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION

AUGUST 12, 2010

9:15 A.M.

Burlington Community and Education Center
Burlington, Colorado



PANELS:
FOR COLORADO:
Commissioner Dick Wolfe
Mr. Peter Ampe
Ms. Megan Sullivan

FOR KANSAS:
Commissioner David Barfield
Mr. Burke Griggs
Mr. Chris Grunewald
Mr. Scott Ross
Mr. Chris Beightel

FOR NEBRASKA:
Commissioner Brian Dunnigan
Mr. Justin Lavene
Mr. Jim Schneider
Mr. Tom O'Connor

1 Department of Agriculture. And to my left is Scott
2 Ross. He's water commissioner for our Stockton Field
3 Office that covers all of northwest Kansas, and he's our
4 engineering committee lead. And then Chris Beightel is
5 our program manager for Water Management Services.
6 COMMISSIONER WOLFE: Commissioner?
7 COMMISSIONER DUNNIGAN: Thank you,
8 Commissioner Wolfe.
9 My name is Brian Dunnigan, and I'm the
10 director of the Nebraska Department of Natural
11 Resources.
12 And with me at the table today from
13 Nebraska, to my immediate left, Justin Lavene from the
14 attorney general's office; Jim Schneider, deputy
15 director; and Tom O'Connor.
16 Thank you.
17 COMMISSIONER WOLFE: Thank you.
18 Just a couple other procedural things.
19 There's copies of the agenda on the table when you came
20 in. If you didn't get one, they should be back there.
21 And there's refreshments in the back, some doughnuts and
22 coffee you're welcome to, so please help yourself to
23 those. And if you haven't found the restrooms already,
24 you go out these doors here, go down to your left and
25 again to the left, down to the next hallway and those

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3 COMMISSIONER WOLFE: Good morning,
4 everyone. I'm Dick Wolfe, State Engineer for Colorado
5 and Compact Commissioner for Colorado for the Republican
6 River Compact Administration. Welcome to Burlington.

7 At this time, I'd like to introduce some of
8 the staff members here at the table that are from
9 Colorado with me. To my immediate right is Mr. Peter
10 Ampe. He's First Assistant Attorney General at the
11 Colorado State Attorney General's Office. And to my
12 left is Megan Sullivan, who is the engineer advisor for
13 Colorado.

14 David, do you want to go ahead and
15 introduce your staff here at the table for Kansas?

16 COMMISSIONER BARFIELD: Yes. Thank you,
17 Dick.

18 Again, thank you for hosting the meeting.
19 With me -- my name, for the record, is Dave Barfield.
20 I'm chief engineer for the Kansas Division of Water
21 Resources and Commissioner for the State of Kansas to
22 the Administration.

23 At the table here to my right is Chris
24 Grunewald, attorney with the -- for the Kansas Attorney
25 General's Office. Burke Griggs, an attorney with the

1 will be there.

2 We also have a court reporter here today
3 recording this for transcription. And as we go through
4 and make introductions, I'm going to, at this next step,
5 allow folks in the audience to introduce themselves.
6 And we'll pass around the mike, and so we'll make sure
7 that the court reporter hears those as well.

8 So my deputy, Mike Sullivan, over here to
9 the left, is here with me as well. And we're going to
10 start there, and we'll just pass this mike around so we
11 can hear everyone.

12 So, Mike, take it away.

13 MR. SULLIVAN: I'm Mike Sullivan with the
14 Colorado Division of Water Resources.

15 MR. MILLER: John Miller with the U.S.
16 Geological Survey out of North Platte, Nebraska.

17 MR. BOOK: Dale Book, consultant for the
18 State of Kansas.

19 MR. PERKINS: Sam Perkins, Division of Water
20 Resources, Kansas.

21 MR. KESTER: Paul Kester, Department of
22 Natural Resources, Nebraska.

23 MR. STANTON: Shane Stanton, and I'm a
24 field office manager for the State of Nebraska in
25 Cambridge.

1 MR. BRADLEY: Jesse Bradley with the
 2 Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.
 3 MR. KEPLER: Jason Kepler with the Nebraska
 4 Department of Natural Resources.
 5 MR. EDGERTON: Brad Edgerton. I'm manager
 6 of Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District.
 7 MR. CLEMENTS: Mike Clements, manager, Lower
 8 Republican NRD in Alma, Nebraska.
 9 MR. CRAMER: Dale Cramer, former president
 10 of Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District.
 11 MR. DELKA: Mike Delka, manager of the
 12 Bostwick Irrigation District in Nebraska.
 13 MS. JURICEK: Chelsea Juricek, the Stockton
 14 Field Office, for Kansas Division of Water Resources.
 15 MR. VAN NOSTRAND: John Van Nostrand,
 16 manager of the Burlington Record.
 17 MR. MURPHY: Stan Murphy, the general
 18 manager for the Republican River Water Conservation
 19 District in Colorado.
 20 MR. GUENTHNER: Scott Guenther with the
 21 Bureau of Reclamation out of our regional office in
 22 Billings.
 23 MR. ERGER: Patrick Erger from the Bureau
 24 of Reclamation out of the Billings office in the
 25 regional office.

1 MR. SWANDA: Marv Swanda with the Bureau of
 2 Reclamation out of the McCook Field Office, McCook,
 3 Nebraska.
 4 MR. THOMPSON: Aaron Thompson, the area
 5 manager for the Bureau of Reclamation Nebraska-Kansas
 6 Office.
 7 MR. SMITH: Dan Smith, manager of Middle
 8 Republican Natural Resources District, in Curtis,
 9 Nebraska.
 10 MR. FANNING: Jasper Fanning, manager of the
 11 Upper Republican Natural Resources District.
 12 MR. PARKER: Edward Parker, with the Corps
 13 of Engineers at Kansas City.
 14 MR. EISENACH: Bob Eisenach, board member
 15 of Hitchcock and Red Willow County Irrigation District.
 16 MR. KOTSCHWAR: Jerry Kotschwar, Frenchman
 17 Valley Irrigation District.
 18 MR. ALBERT: Kenneth Albert, the director
 19 of Frenchman Valley Irrigation District in Culbertson,
 20 Nebraska.
 21 MR. FELKER: Don Felker, manager of
 22 Frenchman Valley/H&RW, Nebraska.
 23 MR. KEELER: Dave Keeler, Republican River
 24 in Colorado.
 25 MR. RIDNOUR: Devin Ridnour, Republican

1 River in Colorado.
 2 MS. DANIEL: Deb Daniel, Plains and East
 3 Cheyenne Ground Water Districts in Colorado.
 4 MR. DINNEL: Dirk Dinnel, assistant
 5 manager, Upper Republican NRD.
 6 MR. RILEY: Tom Riley with the Flatwater
 7 Group.
 8 MR. KOELLIKER: Jim Koelliker, Kansas State
 9 University, Manhattan.
 10 MR. MARTIN: I'm Derrel Martin, University
 11 of Nebraska at Lincoln.
 12 MS. HOMM: Diane Homm, the Homm Ranch.
 13 MR. BLANCA: I'm Don Blanca. I'm outside
 14 legal counsel for Nebraska.
 15 MR. POWERS: Marcus Powers, Nebraska
 16 Attorney General's Office.
 17 MS. BERNHARDT: Autumn Bernhardt, Colorado
 18 Attorney General's Office.
 19 MR. SULLIVAN: In the back, which helped us
 20 put this meeting together, is Katie Radke with the
 21 Colorado Division of Water Resources.
 22 COMMISSIONER WOLFE: Thank you all.
 23 Also, too, to help us out and also help the
 24 reporter, make sure you've signed in the sign-in sheet.
 25 If you haven't done that, if you'll make sure you get

1 that signed in before you leave today, we would
 2 appreciate it.
 3 At this time, we're going to move on to
 4 Agenda Item 3 -- excuse me, 2. We do have a couple of
 5 modifications to the agenda. The first one is, on
 6 Agenda Item 3, instead of approval of the previous
 7 annual and special meeting reports, that will just be a
 8 status.
 9 The other addition to the agenda will be
 10 under Item 8, Subitem (c). This is an addition, and
 11 this will be a motion to dissolve the ad hoc legal
 12 committee.
 13 Commissioners, are there any other
 14 amendments to the agenda at this time?
 15 COMMISSIONER BARFIELD: Well, I guess I
 16 would move that we adopt the agenda as you've
 17 recommended we amend.
 18 COMMISSIONER DUNNIGAN: Second.
 19 COMMISSIONER WOLFE: All right. All those
 20 in favor signify by saying aye.
 21 COMMISSIONER DUNNIGAN: Aye.
 22 COMMISSIONER BARFIELD: Aye.
 23 COMMISSIONER WOLFE: Motion approved.
 24 All right. We're on to Agenda Item No. 3.
 25 This in regards to the status of the previous annual and