NEW MEXICO WATER DIALOGUE ---- Minutes of the Meeting, August 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by President Jason John. Other Board members present were Eileen Dodds, Conci Bokum, John Brown, Jeffrey Samson, Paul Tashjian, and Michael Benson.

Board members attending by phone were Simeon Herskovits, Dael Goodman, Bruce Thompson,

Janice Varela, Alex Puglisi, Stacy Timmons, and Sharon Hausam.

Visitors: Elaine Hebard and Lucy Moore

Announcements: John announced nothing new to report on the HM-1 Task Force.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Approval of the Minutes of the July meeting: The minutes were approved as presented.
2. Approval of the Financials: The financial statements thru June 30, 2017 were approved as presented.
3. Update on Board Membership: The Southwest Region is still lacking representation from the Silver City area. Eileen will contact some of the steering committee members from the SW Region’s recent RWP meetings to inquire as to interest in joining the Board. Jeffrey agreed to contact a person he knows at Western NM University as well.
4. Presentations: The October 12th meeting will include our next special presentation. Paul agreed to discuss a project in which he has been involved with the OSE and the Bureau of Reclamation on how the state administers environmental water rights.

There is also a recent Special Masters Report on the lower Rio Grande that could be a topic for a presentation. Dael will send a copy of the document to the Board.

1. Annual Meeting: The meeting was turned over to Lucy Moore for her guidance in the planning process. She opened by citing the Board’s July 14, 2016minutes (forwarded in e-mail from Sharon) on reasons why we have the annual meeting:
2. Stimulate conversation about water issues.
3. Network with others in the field statewide.
4. Get information from governmental agencies such as the BoR and others.
5. Bring together a wide range of people.
6. Be responsive to the needs of others.
7. Set the stage for collaboration among different interest groups.

 Alex recommended a review of the “breakaway group” notes from the January 2017 annual meeting. Conci will forward those notes, which were collated by Lucy, to the Board.

After lengthy conservation about themes, topics for discussion, meeting format, and what could be included in either panel discussions or in breakout group discussions, it was generally agreed that the annual meeting on January 11, 2018, will include the following:

1. Where we are with the State Water Plan update.
2. Adjudication and/or shortages—shortage sharing, practical application post-adjudication.
3. Breakout sessions—“The Elephants in the Room”. Board to pick topics of discussion, but leave one or two tables for the attendees to pick their own topics (“rogue elephants”).

The title of the meeting and speakers will be worked out at the September 14th meeting. John volunteered to contact Reid Benson for input since he has discussed adjudication at a previous WD annual meeting, and he is not a proponent of priority administration.

Lucy asked each of us for suggestions for titles (in a couple of words), and she will address this list at the September meeting when we finish planning the 2018 meeting.

1. State/Regional Water Plans: Nothing further to discuss.
2. Newsletter: Discussion tabled until the September meeting. Newsletter set for October publication.
3. Updates from Board members: None

NEW BUSINESS

1. NMWD Website: John announced that during a discussion about including further information on our website, he was told by Rose Hesmiller that there was going to be a redesign of the system to which the WD web page is attached (“All About Watersheds” run by State Forestry) , and ours will be affected. The WD has been requested to provide some financial resources for the update. Nothing further is currently known. John will have additional information at the September meeting.

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 14th at10:00 a.m. at D.B.Stephens in Albuquerque.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:24.

\*\*\*\*\*attachments will be with final copy\*\*\*\*

 NMWD Website: