

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 2008**

The June 17, 2008 Board of Commissioners meeting was held in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Courthouse. Present were:

Hap Channell, Chairperson
Paula Swenson, Vice-Chairperson
Jim Starr, Commissioner

David Baumgarten, County Attorney
Ruth Dukeman, Clerk to the Board
Others Present as Listed in Text

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Channell called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

**BLACK CANYON WATER RIGHT QUANTIFICATION LITIGATION/PROPOSED SETTLEMENT;
POSSIBLE ACTION INCLUDING APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT; JOINT MEETING WITH UGRWCD
BOARD**

Commissioner Channell reminded the group that the purpose of the meeting was to share information in reference to the proposed agreement. There was a sincere thanks to all who were present and to all who contributed efforts in reference to this matter.

Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District General Counsel John McClow gave a visual presentation of the historic data about water levels in Aspinall Complex, Blue Mesa Reservoir and dam release flows versus the potential numbers relevant to the proposed agreement.

Discussion as to the impact forecasted flow data will have on the models revealed that global warming can make predictions very challenging; however, the science is improving and the forecasts should be more accurate in the future.

The conversations then lead to the processes for the proposals success. It was decided that a set of public meetings should be held, and that the presentation be made available to the public for review. Posting of the presentation on the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District website may occur.

The meetings were scheduled for:

- Wednesday July 16, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Fred Field Western Heritage Center
- Thursday July 24, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Fred Field Western Heritage Center

Staff from Gunnison County and the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District will work together to complete the details of the events.

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Starr to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Hap Channell, Chairperson

Paula Swenson, Vice-Chairperson

Jim Starr, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Ruth Dukeman, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Stella Dominguez, County Clerk