

Meeting Minutes Bisbee, Cochise County Hearing Regarding Small and Minor Watercourses in Cochise County March 12, 2003

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Jay Brashear, Dolly Echeverria, Earl Eisenhower, James Henness, and Cecil Miller

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

None.

STAFF PRESENT

Curtis Jennings, George Mehnert, Tom Vogt.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Eisenhower called the meeting to order at approximately 9:12 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were still present.

3. COCHISE COUNTY SMALL AND MINOR WATERCOURSE HEARING (discussion and action).

Chair Eisenhower explained called on a representative of the State Land Department.

The following people appeared and gave testimony or asked questions: V. Ottozawa-Chatupron, Wayne Klump, Keith Klump, Wallace Klump, F. Shelby Bennett, Susan Krentz, Bridgette Briscoe, Andrew Smallhouse, Chuck Chambers.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (comment sheets).

(Pursuant to Attorney General Opinion No. I99-006 [R99-002]. Public Comment: Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Commission need not request permission in advance. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.)

Mr. Brashear said that the Commission should not limit questions that can be asked, but that there is no obligation on the person asked the question to answer it. Mr. Brashear said he was concerned it could be construed as a matter of bias and prejudice.

Each Commissioner thanked everyone for participating and Mrs. Echeverria stated the Commissioners were well aware of every party's interests by the information they have provided. Mrs. Echeverria went on to say that in terms of the questions asked, that she was concerned that some of the questions asked yesterday were in poor taste and were taking

advantage of the Commission, when a witness was asked how much he was being paid to do research and testify. Mr. Brashear said they were free to disagree about questions that are in poor taste.

The Chair thanked everyone and said that the Commission was statutorily obligated to hold these hearings and that they will do their best to be honest and that none of them has a bias one way or the other. We are engaged in a process and hopes everyone understands the process.

Mark McGinnis reminded the Commission that the vote on Mohave and LaPaz small and minor watercourses that had been included on the San Pedro River agenda, had not been addressed.

Motion: To adjourn session on Cochise Small and Minor Watercourses.

Motion by: Jim Henness Second by: Jay Brashear Vote: All aye

Meeting closed at 11:00 a.m.

The Chair returned to the San Pedro agenda regarding items 4 and 5 on that agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

George Mehnert, Director

Date: March 14, 2003