



Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
November 13, 2023

These minutes have been taken remotely via Zoom. Some County staff, representatives from other governments and government agencies, and others from the public may attend remotely via Zoom.

A. 8:30 a.m. - Special Meeting

This special meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on November 13, 2023, at the Chaffee County Courthouse. Board members present were Chair Keith Baker, Commissioner Greg Felt, and Commissioner P. T. Wood.

Others present in person were County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Director of Finance Dan Short, Assistant County Attorney Lynda Knowles, and Planning Director Miles Cottom.

Others present remotely were consultant Randy Mandel, outside legal water counsel David Shohet, and Deputy County Clerk Barbara Tidd.

Chair Baker called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

1. Enter into Executive session under 24-6-402(4)(b) for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions and strategy involving Chicago Ranch water case. - County Administrator Don Reimer, Finance Director Dan Short, County Attorney Daniel Tom, Assistant County Attorney Lynda Knowles, Planning Director Miles Cottom, Deputy County Administrator Beth, Consultant Randy Mandel, and outside legal consultant David Shohet may attend.

Chair Keith Baker announced the topic of the Executive Session: "for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions and strategy involving the Chicago Ranch water case pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b)." Commissioners Keith Baker, Greg Felt, and P.T. Wood will attend. County Administrator Don Reimer, Finance Director Dan Short, Assistant County Attorney Lynda Knowles, Planning Director Miles Cottom, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, consultant Randy Mandel, and outside legal water counsel David Shohet may also attend.

Commissioner Wood moved to go into executive session. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Planning Director Cottom asked and Attorney Knowles confirmed that this portion of the special meeting would constitute attorney client privilege, and that no further recording of this portion of the special meeting would be required.

The Commissioners moved into executive session at 8:34 a.m.

The Board of Commissioners came out of executive session at 9:05 a.m. with no decisions being made.

Chair Baker stated that the executive session for purposes of discussing attorney-client privileged matters concluded at 9:05 a.m.

Chair Baker stated that the participants in executive session were Commissioners Baker, Felt, and Wood and Assistant County Attorney Lynda Knowles, County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Director of Finance Dan Short, Planning Director Miles Cottom, consultant Randy Mandel, and outside legal water counsel David Shohet.

I, Lynda Knowles, Assistant Chaffee County Attorney, do hereby attest that the unrecorded statements and discussions that took place during the executive session held on November 13, 2023 constituted privileged attorney-client communication.

Lynda Knowles

Lynda Knowles, Assistant Chaffee County Attorney

I, Keith Baker, Chair of the Chaffee County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby attest that the unrecorded statements and discussions that took place during the executive session held on November 13, 2023 were confined to the topic described in the announcement of such session and authorized by the provisions of CRS 24-6-402(4)(b).



Keith Baker, Chair

Chair Baker stated that if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to enter the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, he asked that you state your concerns for the record. Hearing none, Chair Baker asked for a motion to adjourn this meeting, which was called for purposes of the executive session.

Commissioner Felt moved to come out of executive session and adjourn the special meeting for purposes of the executive session. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Attest:



Lori Mitchell, County Clerk