

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1  
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
April 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.  
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101  
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

**Present:** Jake Burris, President; Clay Mitchell, Vice President; Sheldon Rockey, Secretary/Treasurer; Jamie Hart, BOM; Tony Holcomb, BOM; Chris Miner, BOM; James Cooley, BOM; Brett Hemmerling, BOM; Michael Jones, BOM; and Mike Kruse, Ex-Officio Member.

**Absent :** Miguel A. Diaz, BOM.

**Staff and Consultants:** Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Taylor Chick, Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

**Guests:** Peggy Godfrey, Steve Keller, Deb Sarason, Michelle Lanzoni, David Hofmann, Chayito Espinoza.

**Meeting Called to Order**

President Burris called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. A quorum was present, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of the Agenda**

President Burris asked for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Mike Kruse to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by James Cooley and unanimously approved.

**Public Comment**

President Burris asked for public comment. There was none.

**Approval of the 2023 Annual Replacement Plan**

President Burris asked for approval of the 2023 Annual Replacement Plan (ARP).

- **Board Discussion**

Taylor Chick presented the Annual Replacement Plan. He highlighted the projected groundwater withdrawals and explained how it was calculated. Mr. Chick provided the annual well list update including new wells, contracted wells and wells that had been removed. Discussion was held on supplemental wells. Mr. Chick highlighted the augmentation plans, projected annual diversions for all Subdistrict wells and cropping patterns within the Subdistrict for the previous irrigation year. He reported on the non-irrigated Subdistrict wells projected groundwater withdrawals and projected net consumptive use. Mr. Chick provided the 2022 non irrigation well depletions and total diversions by ditch. He highlighted the surface water credit exchanged between farm units for 2022, the 2023 stream flow forecast on the Rio Grande River, the Conejos River and the estimated annual flow. Mr. Chick reported on the projected recharge decree credits for Subdistrict No. 1 for the current irrigation year, the projected plan year stream depletions, the estimated net groundwater consumptive use, the estimated historical and projected net stream depletions, the monthly net stream depletions for plan year and the Subdistricts post plan net stream depletions.

Chris Miner left the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Taylor Chick highlighted the amount and sources of replacement water, the secured forbearance agreements and the Closed Basin Project allocation. Discussion was held on the Closed Basin Project allocations to Subdistricts and Subdistrict No. 1 not making a request for Closed Basin Project water to cover depletions. Mr. Chick also highlighted the forbearance agreement with the Sand Dunes.

A motion was made by Mike Kruse to remove the astric and the comment created by the astric next to the Closed Basin Project allocation. The motion was seconded by James Cooley and unanimously approved.

Taylor Chick updated the Board on the 2022 Subdistrict funding. Highlighted the cost per irrigated acre foot, the administrative fee, CREP fee, and \$150 per acre foot for over pumping. President Burris reminded the Board the fees would be set in September for 2023. Mr. Chick explained the change in aquifer storage, the current condition of the unconfined aquifer and highlighted the CREP enrollment, Fallow enrollment and how the Well Purchase Program will benefit the Subdistrict. He provided the list

of surface water rights, went through the appendixes and highlighted the memorandum of understandings with the other Subdistricts.

- Public Comment

There was none.

- Recommendation to the Board of Directors

A motion was made by James Cooley to approve the Subdistrict No. 1 Annual Replacement Plan as modified and present the Annual Replacement Plan to the Board of Directors for approval. The motion was seconded by Clay Mitchell and unanimously approved.

Other Director Reports/Comments/Questions

President Burris asked for other Director reports/comments/questions. There was none.

New Business

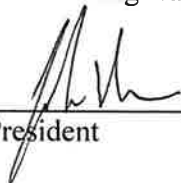
President Burris asked for new business. There was none.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

  
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President

  
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Secretary/Treasurer