

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #2  
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
May 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.  
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101  
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

**Present:** Karla Shriver, President; Eric Hinton, Vice-President; Scot Schaefer, Secretary/Treasurer; Mark Deacon, BOM; Gerald Ziegler, BOM; Harold Stoeber, BOM; Michael Schaefer, BOM; and, Greg Higel, Ex-Officio.

**Staff and Consultants:** Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Angelo Bellah, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Crystal Benavides, HCP Coordinator/Program Assistant; Quinton Norris, Program Manager; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

**Guests:** Jessica Valdez.

**Meeting Called to Order**

President Shriver called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of the Agenda**

President Shriver asked for amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Scot Schaefer to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Eric Hinton and unanimously approved.

**Approval of the Minutes**

President Shriver asked for approval of the following minutes:

- February 7, 2025-Special Meeting
- February 7, 2025-Executive Session
- February 12, 2025-Annual Meeting
- February 12, 2025-Executive Session
- April 11, 2025-Special Meeting

A motion was made by Eric Hinton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Scot Schaefer and unanimously approved.

**Public Comment**

President Shriver reported on a conversation with Mark Muller regarding a headgate wash out. She asked for any other public comment.

**Attorney's Report**

President Shriver asked for the Attorney's report. Pete Ampe reported on the approval of the Subdistricts Annual Replacement Plans (ARPs). He provided an update on the Texas vs New Mexico Colorado court case and the SWAG conservancy district approval.

**Engineer's Report**

President Shriver asked for the Engineer's report. Clinton Phillips presented a map of the San Luis Valley unconfined aquifer storage study area. He reported on the twenty seven (27) monitoring wells being measured monthly. Mr. Phillips gave the change for April 2025, the change between April 2024 and April 2025, the current aquifer level, current five (5) year average level, and acre feet needed to get to the -400,000 level. He presented a snapshot of the change in the unconfined aquifer storage graph and a graph showing the entire study period. Mr. Phillips presented the confined aquifer wells map and went over the March 2024 and 2025 to the baseline measurements. He explained the composite water head measurements taken by the State and how the State comes up with the change. Mr. Phillips gave an update on the PRT meeting and the completion of Phase 7 of the RGDSS Model. He reported no major changes for Subdistrict No. 2 depletions.

**Program Manager's Report**

President Shriver asked for the Program Manager's report.

- Financial Report

Angelo Bellah presented the financials. He went over the formation costs, expenses, reimbursements and the remaining balance due to the District. Mr. Bellah presented the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Statement. He went over the assets, liabilities, equity, expenses and net income. Mr. Bellah reported on an issue with Rio Grande County regarding Subdistrict fee assessments not being billed correctly on tax notices.

A motion was made by Michael Schaefer to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Scot Schaefer and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bellah provided the Board with a list of assets held by the Rio Grande Water Conservation District on behalf of Subdistrict No. 2.

**Review and Consider CPW/Davie Ranch Credit Exchange Request**

President Shriver asked for review and consider CPW/Davie Ranch Credit exchange request. Angelo Bellah reminded the Board of the request from CPW to consider the Davie Ranch credit exchange. He reported the item had been tabled at the last meeting pending confirmation on a discrepancy.

A motion was made by Michael Schaefer to approve and move forward with the CPW/Davie Ranch credit exchange request. The motion was seconded by Scot Schaefer and unanimously approved.

Angelo Bellah went over 2025 operations including forbearance agreements and the reservoir account balances. He reported on the approval of the 2025 Annual Replacement Plan (ARP) and gave an update on the 2025 projects.

**Review the City of Monte Vista's Participation Contract for 2026 ARP**

President Shriver asked for review the City of Monte Vista's Participation Contract for 2026 ARP. Angelo Bellah presented the email and a request for water lease agreement. He gave an overview of the approval of the City of Monte Vista's plan for augmentation and explained the request to provide the Subdistrict with Anderson Ditch water in exchange to cover Subdistrict fees and depletions. The consensus of the Board was to approve the exchange of water in lieu of cash.

A motion was made by Eric Hinton to approve the City of Monte Vista Participation Contract contingent on additional negotiations by staff and council and the potential for minor corrections. The motion was seconded by Michael Schaefer and unanimously approved.

**Review and Consider Leasing Anderson Ditch Water Owned by the City of Monte Vista**

Angelo Bellah asked for direction on how to split the Anderson water with Subdistrict No. 6. He explained how it's been done in the past. Discussion was held on the amount of impact the wells have on each Subdistrict. The Board agreed to the split as presented by Mr. Bellah, with the understanding it may need to change in the future.

**Update on Williams Creek Squaw Pass Diversion Water and Infrastructure Purchase**

Angelo Bellah gave an update on the CWCB loan documents and reported waiting to receive the evaluation back from HRS with the hope to close in June. He went over the administration of the water right and maintenance of the diversion. Mr. Bellah presented the draft MOU for the maintenance and administration of the water right and explained the next steps to get the purchase closed and operating. He also reported on the lease agreement with Mr. Parker and explained how Mr. Parker was charged extra in connection with the water being stored. Mr. Bellah reported on an inquiry from Mr. and Ms. Deture's who have asked if the Subdistrict would be interested in continuing to lease their water. He provided the amount of water available to lease and the price per acre-foot.

A motion was made by Scot Schaefer to continue leasing the water from the Deture's at \$250 per acre foot. The motion was seconded by Harold Stoeber and unanimously approved.

Pete Ampe was asked to draft a current agreement similar to the one from 2019.

**Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice Regarding Negotiations for the Lease/Purchase of Real Property**

President Shriver asked for a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice regarding negotiations for the lease/purchase of real property. A motion was made by Scot Schaefer at 10:41 a.m. to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Michael Schaefer and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(a) to receive legal advice regarding negotiations for the lease/purchase of real property. The Board would take no formal action or position during the executive session.

**Possible Action from Executive Session**

President Shriver asked for possible action from Executive Session. There was none.

**Direction for Staff**

President Shriver asked for direction for staff. Staff was directed to proceed as discussed.

**New Business**

President Shriver asked for new business. There was none.

**Next Meeting**

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.



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President

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Secretary/Treasurer