

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #4
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
February 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: David Frees, President; Jan Waye, Manager; Jeff Regenold, Manager; Jennifer Rodriguez, Manager; and, Peggy Godfrey, Ex-Officio Member.

Absent: Pete Stagner, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill and Robbins, P.C.; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Quinton Norris, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and, Michael Carson, Database Administrator.

Guests: David Hofmann, Jessica Valdez, David Brown, Dirk Rasmusen; and Dick Sparks.

Meeting Called to Order

President Frees called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There was a quorum present for the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

President Frees asked for amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Jan Waye to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Regenold and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Frees asked for public comment. There was none.

Review and Consider Bids for the 2025 Irrigation Season Operations on the Subdistrict Properties

President Frees asked for review and consider bids for the 2025 irrigation season operations on the Subdistrict properties. Chris Ivers reported receiving two (2) bids. He explained one bid was similar to how the quarters had been operating and the other bid was to lease all six (6) quarters which included planting a permanent cover crop. David Brown went over his proposal. He explained his plan to plant three (3) grasses and barley all together and how he would harvest the barley. Dirk Rasmusen commented on the problem with foxtail weeds and not responding to chemical treatment in the past. He also commented on the big shift in the seed mixes using three (3) grasses and the competition of the barley with the grasses coming up. Mr. Ivers presented the bid from Delmer and Shirley Frees & Sons. He went over the total for the three (3) circles and the revegetation proposal. President Frees turned the meeting over to Manager Jan Waye to conduct. Mr. Ivers highlighted the significant price difference between the bids. Discussion was held on the decision to adjust the seed mix, the unknown cost of the seeds and if barley and grass would be successful. Mr. Way reported needing additional information prior to making a decision.

A motion was made by Jeff Regenold to table the proposals in order to obtain additional information and schedule a special meeting for February 14, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. to reconsider. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Rodriguez and unanimously approved.

Jan Waye turned the chair back to President Frees.

New Business

President Frees asked for new business. David Hofmann reported he would correspond with Chris Ivers on the call list in order for him to complete the Well Injury Payment agreements. Mr. Ivers provided an update on the meeting regarding augmentation wells and the need to discuss with the modeler. Staff was directed to share the bid information/communication with Pete Stagner prior to the February special meeting.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

A special meeting was scheduled for February 14, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. and a special meeting for April 11, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Jan Way to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Rodriguez and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer