

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #2
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
January 21, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
By Zoom/Teleconference**

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

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason, Monica McCafferty, Wade Henderson, and Mike Dill.

Meeting Called to Order

President Shriver called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

President Shriver asked to amend the agenda to add a discussion regarding a letter sent out by the Division of Water Resources regarding potato storage wells. A motion was made by Mark Deacon to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Harold Stoeber and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Shriver asked for public comment. There were none.

Discussion and Possible Action on Contracting Additional Engineering Support to Assist in the Review of Additional Replacement Sources

President Shriver asked for discussion and possible action on contracting additional engineering support to assist in the review of additional replacement sources. She reported Subdistrict Nos. 3, 5, 6 and the Trinchera Subdistrict agreed to hire Mike Saylor for additional engineering support when needed. Amber Pacheco highlighted how the idea came about and provided the Subdistrict split of the cost by percentage of groundwater withdrawals in each Subdistrict which was participating. Clinton Phillips told the Board he supported the contracting of additional engineering support. President Shriver highlighted the cost would come out of the already budgeted engineering costs.

A motion was made by Mark Deacon for Subdistrict No. 2 to sign a contract to hire Mike Saylor for additional engineering support in an amount of up to \$3,000.00 contingent upon the other Subdistricts participating. The motion was seconded by Gerald Ziegler and unanimously approved.

Update on Contract Process for Additional Colorado Parks and Wildlife Wells

President Shriver asked for an update on the contract process for additional Colorado Parks and Wildlife Wells. Amber Pacheco presented the groundwater withdrawals and estimated fees for inclusion of the CPW wells. Discussion was held on the benefit of including the CPW wells into the Subdistrict. Ms. Pacheco explained the suggested agreement to provide the Subdistrict with storage in exchange of paying groundwater fees. She provided the amount of storage being offered, the value of the storage and reported Subdistrict No. 6 has a similar contract in place. Discussion was held on possibly getting more storage than what is being offered and how the fish wells function.

A motion was made by Mark Deacon to direct Amber Pacheco to continue to move forward with discussion on the storage option with CPW. The motion was seconded by Gerald Ziegler and unanimously approved.

Discuss Potential Contract with City of Monte Vista

President Shriver asked for discussion on potential contract with City of Monte Vista. Amber Pacheco reported being contacted by the City of Monte Vista concerning a potential contract with the Subdistrict. She presented the information on five (5) wells contained in the City of Monte Vista contract. Ms. Pacheco reported this contract would be short-term as the City of Monte Vista is seeking an augmentation plan. No decisions were made on a contract with the City of Monte Vista and more information will be provided in the future.

Discussion on Paying a Pro-Rata Share of the Subdistrict Costs Billed to the Closed Basin Project for Russell Lakes Mitigation Wells in Saguache Subdistrict

President Shriver asked for discussion on paying a pro-rata share of the Subdistrict costs billed to the Closed Basin Project for its mitigation wells in Saguache Subdistrict. Amber Pacheco began by discussing issues that may arise in Subdistrict No. 5 with the Russell Lakes wells and the Closed Basin Project. She described the agreement that is currently in place and what the issue at hand were. Discussion was held on the amount of production that comes from the Closed Basin Project as well as where the Subdistricts would find water if it were to be shut down. Ms. Pacheco explained the purpose of the Closed Basin Project and highlighted the difficulties Subdistrict No. 5 is experiencing as they try to get their ARP up and running. President Shriver asked the Board to consider the Subdistrict participate in the pro-rata share and to be prepared to make a decision at the next meeting.

Discussion Regarding a Letter Sent Out by the State

President Shriver asked for discussion regarding a letter sent out by the State and how the Subdistrict will be handling wells these wells. Amber Pacheco explained the purpose of the letter and the Board discussed options available to resolve the issues. Deb Sarason highlighted the tools used to identify and develop the list.

Discussion and Possible Action on an Offer Made to Fallow Land in 2021 to Allow the Surface Water to be Leased by the Subdistrict as a Replacement Source

President Shriver asked for discussion and possible action on an offer made to fallow land in 2021 to allow the surface water to be leased by the Subdistrict as a replacement source. Amber Pacheco reminded the Board of a letter sent out earlier in the year to ask Subdistrict Members if there was an interest to fallow land. President Shriver did responds that she had a parcel she would be interested in fallowing for Subdistrict use if allowed by the ditch. Ms. Pacheco provided the details of the request to fallow land submitted by Karla Shriver and presented an HCU analysis prepared by Clinton Phillips. Discussion was held on prevent plant insurance programs. President Shriver excused herself from the meeting and the Board further discussed the potential fallow opportunity. Staff was given direction to move forward with the idea

Executive Session

President Shriver asked for a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice regarding negotiations for the lease of real property. A motion was made by Gerald Ziegler to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Scot Schaefer and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session to receive legal advice regarding negotiation for the lease of real property. The Board would take no formal action or position during the executive session.

Action on Executive Session Discussion

President Shriver asked for action on executive session. A motion was made by Gerald Ziegler to direct staff to negotiate and bring back to the Board an amount for consideration on an interruptible water supply agreement. The motion was seconded by Scot Schaefer and unanimously approved.


Next Meeting

President Shriver reported the next meeting is the Subdistrict's Annual Meeting which is scheduled for February 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., and requested to change the time to 1:30 p.m.

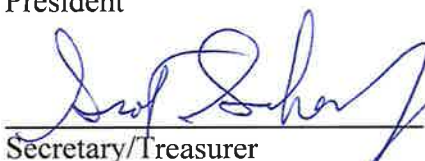
Amber Pacheco provided an update on the abandonment well process.

Adjournment

President Shriver asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Mark Deacon to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Harold Stoeber and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer