

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3  
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
April 13, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.  
By Telephone Only**

**Present by Telephone:** LeRoy Salazar, President; Nathan Coombs, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Sam Vance, Manager; Warren Crowther, Manager; Doug Bagwell, Manager; Ruben Sandoval, Manager; and, Dwight Martin, Ex-Officio Member.

**Staff and Consultants by Telephone:** Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins (via telephone); Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

**Guests by Telephone:** Deb Sarason, and David Hofmann.

**Meeting Called to Order**

President Salazar called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda**

President Salazar asked for amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Dwight Martin and unanimously approved.

**Consideration of Participation Contracts**

President Salazar asked for the consideration of participation contracts. Pete Ampe reported he reviewed the contracts. Amber Pacheco provided the details of the following four (4) participation contracts, three (3) are considered governmental/municipality contracts for consideration:

- Town of Manassa
- Town of Antonito
- Conejos County
- Willett Cattle Company

Ms. Pacheco provided the number of wells and the amount of pumping associated with the contracts and suggested not assessing back fees on the governmental entities contracts. Ms. Pacheco reported the other participation contract to consider is the Willett Cattle Company. She provided the well use and stated they did have the opportunity to petition into the Subdistrict at the beginning of formation. Ms. Pacheco suggested, according to Subdistrict policy, that the Subdistrict assess the 2019 fees and the 2018 Fees.

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the participation contracts as written, including the Willett Cattle Company contract which will include an assessment of prior year fees. The motion was seconded by Ruben Sandoval and unanimously approved.

**Consideration of Purchase of Water from Richfield Canal**

President Salazar asked for the consideration of purchasing water from the Richfield Canal. Nathan Coombs asked if the Subdistrict would be interested in purchasing the 2019 allocation water which remained in Platoro Reservoir. Mr. Coombs stated the Subdistrict would need an SWSP prior to being able to use the water as augmentation. Discussion was held on evaporation loss, average annual amount of water, the ability of being able to store the water year after year and if other ditches would be willing to do the same thing. Sam Vance expressed his concern and reported on the intentional use of project water. Each Board member commented on the subject. President Salazar stated he is in favor of continuing the discussion and welcomed Pete Ampe's comments. Mr. Ampe suggested tabling the matter.

A motion was made to table the consideration of purchasing water from the Richfield Canal. The motion was seconded by Dwight Martin and unanimously approved.

**Approval of the 2020 Annual Replacement Plan**

President Salazar asked for the approval of the 2020 Annual Replacement Plan. Amber Pacheco presented the 2020 Annual Replacement Plan and highlighted the main points of the document, including: the total number of wells covered; the projected amount of pumping; and, the amount of water owed to the Rio Grande, the Conejos and the Alamosa rivers, including the wintertime

depletions. She highlighted the types of remedies the Subdistrict will use for making replacements under the 2020 ARP. Ms. Pacheco reported on the Subdistrict's stored water and on the secured forbearance agreements. Ms. Pacheco also reported on a MOU with Subdistrict No. 1 to utilize their Santa Maria stored water when depletions occur to ditches in the Subdistrict No. 1 boundaries. Ms. Pacheco recognized Armando Valdez for assistance in securing forbearance agreements for the Subdistrict on the Alamosa River and thanked the Subdistrict No. 3 Board of Managers for their assistance in securing agreements on the Conejos ditches. President Salazar asked for any comments or questions. Pete Ampe recommended approval of the Annual Replacement Plan.

A motion was made by Ruben Sandoval to approve the 2020 Annual Replacement plan as written. The motion was seconded by Doug Bagwell and unanimously approved.

**Next Meeting**

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2020, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

  
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Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer