

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #5
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
December 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
By Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: David Schmittel, President; George Whitten, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Dale Gerstberger, Manager; Corey Hill, Manager; Kit Caldon, Manager; and, Peggy Godfrey, Ex-Officio Member.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Michael Carson, Data Base Administrator; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason, Dave Hofmann, and Rebie Hazard.

Meeting Called to Order

President Schmittel called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

President Schmittel asked for additions or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Kit Caldon to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by George Whitten and unanimously approved.

Executive Session

President Schmittel asked for a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice concerning a potential real property purchase. A motion was made by George Whitten to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Kit Caldon and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session to discuss a potential real property purchase. The Board would take no formal action or position during the executive session.

Action on Executive Session Discussion

President Schmittel asked for direction for staff.

A motion was made by Kit Caldon to direct staff to move forward with an appraisal on the property discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded by Dale Gerstberger and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Schmittel asked for public comment. There were none.

Discussion with Division of Water Resources on Saguache Creek Replacement Scenarios

President Schmittel asked for discussion with Division of Water Resources on Saguache Creek Replacement scenarios. Dave Hofmann from the Division of Water Resources explained the Saguache Creek system. Mr. Hofmann presented maps of the Subdistrict as a whole and how administrations would be done for different scenarios on Saguache Creek. He explained the priorities and when they are running at different times during the year. Mr. Hofmann highlighted the location of the State of Colorado's gauging station and provided some stream depletion replacement scenarios as well as the requirements. Mr. Hofmann also explained how the system operates on split priorities. He highlighted how the water commissioner administers the creek when individuals choose not to take all of their water. Mr. Hofmann reported on the Subdistrict's requirements if they failed to secure 100% of Well Injury Payment agreements. Dale Gerstberger requested copies of Dave Hofmann's presentation. Mr. Hofmann continued to discuss different scenarios based upon priorities and provided an example of how to make replacements to individuals up the river.

President Schmittel thanked Mr. Hofmann for his presentation.

Direction for Staff

President Schmittel reported staff had already been given direction.

New Business

President Schmittel asked for new business. There were none.

Next Meeting

President Schmittel asked for the next meeting. A special meeting was scheduled for December 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Dale Gerstberger to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Corey Hill and unanimously approved.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer