

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
February 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
8805 Independence Way
Alamosa, CO 81101
And By Zoom/Teleconference**

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

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C; Angelo Bellah, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; and, Michael Carson, Database Administrator.

Guests: Michelle Lanzoni, Jessica Valdez, Jason Lorenz, William Myers.

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

President Salazar asked for changes or additions to the agenda. A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ruben Sandoval and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Salazar asked for public comment. There was none.

Review and Consider Bid for the Alpha Well Rehabilitation

President Salazar asked for review and consider bid for the Alpha Well rehabilitation. Angelo Bellah presented the bid received from Central Pump in the amount of \$37,049.09. He reported it was the only bid the Subdistrict received and attempts were made to contact other contractors, however none of them submitted a bid. President Salazar went over the details of the bid. Sam Vance asked if the motor being replaced had value. President Salazar suggested a condition be added to credit the Subdistrict for the motor or put the motor out for bid if it is returned to the Subdistrict. He reported the new pump would enable the well to pump between 400 gpm to 1,000 gpm.

A motion was made by Doug Bagwell to accept the bid from Central Pump. The motion was seconded by Nathan Coombs and unanimously approved.

Review and Consider Bid for Alpha Fence

President Salazar asked for review and consider bid for Alpha Fence. Angelo Bellah presented the bids that had been received. Discussion was held on the cost of each bid, whether or not two fences were needed, and the Subdistricts liability. Pete Ampe reported the best practice would be to have fencing around the pond. Nathan Coombs commented on the need to show the Subdistrict's property boundaries as the subdivided lots are sold and built on. Mr. Bellah recommended at minimum installing fence around the pond. Elliott Salazar reported how the District Board of Directors would respond to the liability issue. Mr. Coombs explained the difference between the liability of an entity like the Subdistrict owning a pond vs the liability of an individual/farmer owning a pond.

A motion was made by Sam Vance to accept/approve the RFP as presented and accept the bid from Over the Top. The motion was seconded by Warren Crowther and unanimously approved.

Consider Leasing SLVIWO's Stored Water in Platoro Reservoir

President Salazar asked for consideration to lease SLVIWO's stored water in Platoro Reservoir. Angelo Bellah reported on the opportunity for the Subdistrict to lease approximately 80.26 acre feet of water for about \$4,313.00. Discussion was held on potentially needing the water for depletions due to the lower curtailment and the possibility of not having access to Closed Basin Project water in the winter months.

A motion was made by Doug Bagwell to purchase/lease Subdistrict No. 3's portion of water from SLVIWO. The motion was seconded by Nathan Coombs and unanimously approved.

Review 2025 Forecast

President Salazar asked for review 2025 forecast. Jason Lorenz presented data from a study on the composite water head versus diversions. Mr. Lorenz commented on the trend and suggested the Subdistrict reduce groundwater withdrawals any way possible.

Follow Up on Discussion on CWCD's Aquifer Recharge Study

President Salazar asked for follow up on discussion regarding CWCD's aquifer recharge study. Nathan Coombs provided an update on the study and what they are hoping to gain. He reported on the approval of a grant from CWCB and their hope to begin in March.

Consider Options to Reduce Groundwater Withdrawals

President Salazar asked for the Board to consider options to reduce groundwater withdrawals. He highlighted the strategies and programs being offered by other Subdistricts to reduce groundwater withdrawals. President Salazar described the Pumping Reduction Program being offered by Subdistrict No. 6 and suggested Subdistrict No. 3 introduce a similar program. He asked staff to draft and send out a letter to members providing information and options to reduce groundwater withdrawals.

Next Meeting

The next Subdistrict No. 3 annual meeting was scheduled for March 6, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.
A special meeting was scheduled for April 11, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer