

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #6  
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
February 12, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.  
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room  
Alamosa, Colorado 81101**

**Present:** Tyler Faucette, President; Virgil Valdez, Vice-President; Ronald Reinhardt, Secretary/Treasurer; Kenneth Reynolds, Manager; Gerald Faucette, Manager; Rodney Reinhardt, Manager; Ted Heersink, Manager; Mario Curto, Manager; Rodney Archer, Manager; and Armando Valdez, Ex-Officio Member.

**Excused:** Peter Clark, Manager.

**Staff and Consultants:** Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

**Guests:** Virginia Christensen, Clifton Curtis, Trever Zimmerman, Ron Brink, Cathy Matthews, Steve Matthews, Justin Rogers, Mark McCarroll, Darin Schepp, Ron Clayton, and, Gloria Crowther.

**Meeting Called to Order**

President Faucette called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Agenda**

President Faucette added public comment to the agenda and asked for any other additions or amendments. A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

**Approval of Minutes**

President Faucette asked for any corrections, additions or a motion for the following minutes:

- November 5, 2019-Quarterly Meeting
- December 2, 2019-Special Meeting
- January 15, 2020-Special Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

**Election of Officers**

President Faucette asked for the election of officers. Pete Ampe asked for nominations for President including self-nominations or a nomination to maintain the current slate of officers. A motion was made to maintain the current slate of officers. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Public Comment**

President Faucette asked for public comment. Virginia Christiansen thanked the Board for keeping Subdistrict fees low. Rod Clayton and Clifton Curtis asked the Board if it would be an option to move confined wells from Subdistrict No. 1 to Subdistrict No. 6. The Board agreed Mr. Clayton and Mr. Curtis would need to meet with Amber Pacheco and provide more information on the wells interested in requesting a move to Subdistrict No. 6. The Board also stated they would need to schedule a work session prior to undertaking the issue at a meeting to discuss and understand the potential impacts, quality and quantity of the wells, how the state would treat it, and, if a new Subdistrict would be the better option.

**Attorney's Report**

President Faucette asked for the Attorney's Report. Pete Ampe reported working with Clinton Phillips from Davis Engineering on potential water sources. Mr. Ampe provided the status of Subdistricts No. 4 and 5's Plan of Water Management progress and when they should be operational.

**Program Manager's Report**

President Faucette asked for the Program Manager's Report. Amber Pacheco provided a financial update and stated the Subdistrict would begin tracking expenses and revenues in QuickBooks. Ms. Pacheco reported how and when the counties would make deposits as well. She was explained how staff is compensated.

**Discussion Regarding Replacement Sources for Upcoming Annual Replacement Plan**

President Faucette asked for a discussion regarding replacement sources for upcoming annual replacement plan. Amber Pacheco presented a preliminary response function and reported she has been contacted by individuals wanting to contract into the Subdistrict. Ms. Pacheco explained the Annual Replacement Plan process and how they determine the figures. She reiterated the importance of securing forbearance agreements and led the conversation on potential contracts. Discussion was held on the Closed Basin Project water and winter depletions. Ms. Pacheco provided an update on the BLM agreement and update on the status of working with the CPW. The City of Alamosa augmentation plan was discussed and direction was given. Discussion was held on securing forbearance agreements and the bonus payments. The Board directed Ms. Pacheco to provide a list of contacts for ditch companies as well as a draft forbearance agreement. Discussion was held on the Santa Maria recharge pit and the possibility of installing a flume.

A motion was made to direct Rio Grande Water Conservation District to investigate having a flume constructed and installed at the Santa Maria recharge pit and look at charging other Subdistricts for their beneficial proportion.

Ms. Pacheco was asked to provide the Board with the projected depletions and the spreadsheet with the water the Subdistrict has acquired.

Ron Brink provided his concerns on other wells coming into Subdistrict No. 6 and asked the Board to remain cautious. Mario Curto asked if those wells from Subdistrict No. 1 could start a new Subdistrict which he feels would be a better solution.

**Executive Session**

President Faucette asked for a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice on a potential real estate purchase. A motion was made to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session. All discussion would relate to receiving legal advice regarding the potential purchase of real estate. The Board would take no formal position while in executive session.

**Action on Executive Session Discussion**

Pete Ampe stated the Board was in executive session and had voted to come out. Discussion was related to receiving legal advice regarding the potential purchase of real property.

**Direction for Staff**

President Faucette asked for direction for staff. A motion was made to direct staff and Clinton Phillips of Davis Engineering to apply for a grant from the CWCB to partially fund an ATM Study. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Clinton Phillips highlighted the model layers and the composite well head levels. Pete Ampe provided an update on PRT and monitoring wells.


**Next Meeting**

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

  
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Secretary/Treasurer