

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #5  
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
January 16, 2019, 1:00 p.m.  
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room  
Alamosa, Colorado 81101**

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

**Staff and Consultants:** Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Chris Ivers, Deputy Program Manager; Allen Davey and Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

**Guests:** Deb Sarason, Michael Hale, Juan Lopez, Hugh Renardi, Ernie Myers, Thad Englert, Sue Englert, Sean Tonner, Ed Nielsen, John Werner, Cody Redden, Jeremy Faucette, Morgan Atkinson, Hanna Farrchur, Calvin Coleman, David Schmitt, Mary Engquist and Willie Hoffner.

**Meeting Called to Order**

President Schmittel called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of the Agenda and Approval of Minutes- October 17, 2018, Quarterly Meeting and December 5, 2018 Special Meeting**

President Schmittel asked for changes or additions to the agenda or the minutes. Thad and Sue Englert were added to the Agenda. A motion was made by George Whitten to approve the Agenda as amended and the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Kit Caldon and unanimously approved.

**Thad Englert Presentation**

President Schmittel asked for the presentation from Thad Englert. Mr. Englert provided a Power Point presentation which included a map indicating the location of his wells. Mr. Englert stated him and his wife Sue Englert objected to using meters on their small wells. Mr. Englert presented a method of measurement using a five-gallon bucket and a stop watch. Mr. Englert proposed this technique be further invested in.

President Schmittel thanked Mr. Englert for his report.

**Attorney's Report**

President Schmittel asked for the Attorney's Report. Pete Ampe stated the judge had not yet submitted a decision on the Rules Case. Mr. Ampe reported Subdistricts No. 2 and No. 3 were working on their Annual Replacement Plans and are in the process of acquiring water and working on forbearance agreements. Mr. Ampe stated both Subdistricts would be making replacements May 1, 2019. Mr. Ampe reported Subdistrict No. 6 was moving forward with their Board of Managers and have their first draft of a Plan of Water Management. They will have their next meeting in February. Mr. Ampe stated Subdistricts No. 4 and No. 6 would start making replacements in May of 2020.

**Program Manager's Report**

President Schmittel asked for the Program Manager's Report. Amber Pacheco provided the Board with an update on the activities within the Subdistricts and highlighted Subdistrict No. 1 held a Summit which was heavily attended. Ms. Pacheco discussed the financials with the Board and stated she will also put the Budget on the website.

**Review and Edit of the Draft Plan of Water Management**

President Schmittel asked for review of the draft Plan of Water Management. Amber Pacheco highlighted the changes and edits made to the draft Plan of Water Management. Ms. Pacheco provided the Board with the definition changes made as well as some of the sections in the Plan of Water Management which would need further discussion and consideration. Ms. Pacheco explained the fee calculation process. Discussion was held on the letter submitted to Subdistrict No. 1 from the State Engineer. Ms. Pacheco stated they would need further discussion regarding



surface water credit and how it will function within the Subdistrict. Clinton Phillips presented a power point presentation and explained how Rio Grande Canal surface water credits are calculated for Subdistrict No. 1 and how recharge would be calculated for Ro Grande Canal in this Subdistrict.

**Discussion on Forbearance Contracts**

President Schmittel asked for a discussion on forbearance contracts. Amber Pacheco explained what forbearance contracts are and how they work. Ms. Pacheco presented preliminary charts and spreadsheets to help the Board Members initiate conversations surrounding forbearance agreements with ditch companies on Saguache and San Luis Creeks.

**Discussion on Potential for Reservoir on Middle Creek**

President Schmittel asked for a discussion on a potential reservoir on Middle Creek. Mr. Gerstberger reported meeting with the State to discuss a potential reservoir on Middle Creek. Mr. Gerstberger stated the reservoir could act as a storage facility for the Subdistrict to store water. Pete Ampe explained the process of a new reservoir as well as the benefits it would offer the Subdistrict. Mr. Ampe suggested Mr. Gerstberger visit with staff to discuss the idea further and come up with a plan to move forward.

**New Business**


Pete Ampe suggested staff publish the latest version of the draft Plan of Water Management on the District website.

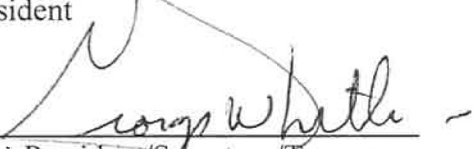
**Next Meeting**

A Special Meeting will be held on February 13, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. The next annual meeting will be held on April 17, 2019.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Dale Gerstberger to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by George Whitten and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

  
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President

  
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Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer

