

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #4
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
September 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: David Frees, President; Pete Stagner, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Jan Waye, Manager; Jeff Regenold, Manager.

Absent: Jennifer Rodriguez, Manager.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill and Robbins, P.C.; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant; Quinton Norris, Program Manager; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; and, Michael Carson, Database Administrator.

Guests: Jessica Valdez, Dick Sparks, John Mattingly.

Meeting Called to Order

President Frees called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There was a quorum present for the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

President Frees asked for amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Pete Stagner to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Regenold and unanimously approved.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

President Frees asked for amendments or approval of the consent agenda items:

- June 3, 2025-Quarterly Meeting Minutes
- August 12, 2025-Special Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Jeff Regenold to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Jan Waye and unanimously approved.

Attorney's Report

President Frees asked for the Attorney's report. Pete Ampe updated the Board on when an SWSP would be filed on the Peachwood property and highlighted the dates of the upcoming trials. He reported on the status of the settlement agreement in connection with the Texas vs New Mexico and Colorado US Supreme Court case.

Public Comment

President Frees asked for public comment. John Mattingly asked how the water rights are being used on the Peachwood property. Chris Ivers explained how the water on the Peachwood property helps the Subdistrict with the sustainability calculation. Pete Ampe reported the change of water rights would be completed after revegetation.

District Engineer's Report-Clinton Phillips

President Frees asked for the District Engineer's report. Clinton Phillips presented the Subdistrict No. 4 San Luis Creek monitoring well update. He showed a map of the monitoring wells within the response area. Mr. Phillips went over the change compared to the 2015 baseline and 2024. He reported including the individual hydro graphs as part of the handout. Mr. Phillips explained why the 2015 baseline is used.

Program Manager's Report

President Frees asked for the Program Manager's report.

- *Financial Report*

Chris Ivers presented the costs covered by the District for and since formation, total expenses paid by the District, and the remaining amount due to the District. He went over the revenue, reimbursements and highlighted the large expenses from the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Statement.

A motion was made by Pete Stagner to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Jan Waye and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ivers provided an update on the continued efforts to secure depletion solutions for Saguache Creek. He reported fixing the skylights at the shop and described an agreement being formalized to work together on remedies with Subdistricts No. 1, 4 and 5. Mr. Ivers reported on the additional augmentation wells and water rights needed in order to replace the Subdistrict's depletions. He updated the Board on the pump tests being done on Saguache Creek. Jeff Regenold voiced his concern with the "goal post" being moved with each new model phase.

2026 Budget

President Frees asked for the 2026 budget. Mr. Ivers reported no changes had been made to the preliminary budget since the Board approved it at the last meeting.

- **Airborne Electromagnetic**

Mr. Ivers reminded the Board of the Airborne Electromagnetic study survey presentation from the last meeting. He asked the Board to consider committing a dollar amount to contribute to the funding. He provided the dollar amount being contributed by Subdistrict No. 1. Mr. Ivers described what information the study would provide and how it could be beneficial to Subdistrict No. 4. President Frees highlighted how helping the Subdistrict better understand the structure and volume of the aquifer would be valuable. Discussion was held on the amount to contribute to the study. Mr. Ivers highlighted the application deadline and process for a matching funds grant from CWCB being sought by Ryan Smith.

A motion was made by Pete Stagner to contribute \$6,000 to the Airborne Electromagnetic study survey. The motion was seconded by Jeff Regenold and unanimously approved.

2026 Revegetation, Farm Lease, and Stream Remedies

President Frees asked for 2026 revegetation, farm lease, and stream remedies. Mr. Ivers described the challenges with revegetation this year and the need to reevaluate and plan for next year. Dick Sparks reported on the poor soil health, problems with weeds, foxtail and voluntary barley. He went over some of the potential contributing factors in connection with the poor revegetation results. Mr. Sparks suggested reevaluating, focusing on the health of the soil and consider contacting a consultant at Colorado Open Lands. Mr. Ivers recommended the Farm Committee develop a plan and bring it back to the Board for consideration. John Mattingly suggested the Board have a conversation with Bob Bunker regarding his experience farming the area. He shared some farming principals and techniques that he believes may work.

New Business

President Frees asked for new business. There was none.

Next Meeting

A special meeting was scheduled for November 25, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Jeff Regenold to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Pete Stagner and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer