# SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #5 OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

June 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Saguache County Road and Bridge 305 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Saguache, CO 81149

<u>Present:</u> David Schmittel, President; George Whitten, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Cory Hill, Manager; Kit Caldon, Manager and Peggy Godfrey, Ex-Officio Member.

Excused: Dale Gertsberger, Manager

<u>Staff and Consultants:</u> Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Chris Ivers, Deputy Program Manager; Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Allen Davey and Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

<u>Guests:</u> Cody Reddin, Tyrell Mares, Deb Sarason, Thad Englert, Sue Englert, John Buchanan, Phil Ortega, John Werner, Tim Coleman, Jeff Phillips, Ryan Fox, Rick Ward, Calvin Coleman, Ed Nielson, Rebie Hazard, Warren Collins, and, Tim Lovato.

# Meeting Called to Order

President Schmittel called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

# Approval of the Agenda

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

### Discussion on Draft Plan of Water Management

President Schmittel asked for discussion on the draft Plan of Water Management and stated it was close to being finalized. Amber Pacheco read and explained each edit that was made to the Plan of Water Management. Ms. Pacheco stated the hope is to finalize the Plan of Water Management and have it approved by the Board of Managers at the Special Meeting in July. After the Board of Managers approve the Plan, the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board will review and approve it. Ms. Pacheco explained the importance of getting the Plan approved this year.

#### Discussion on Rules and Regulations

President Schmittel asked for the discussion on the Rules and Regulations. Amber Pacheco stated the Rules and Regulations provide the details for the concepts in the Plan of Water Management. Ms. Pacheco reported the Rules and Regulations explain in detail how fees are calculated, as well as how the appeal process works. Ms. Pacheco also stated the Rules and Regulations do not have to be approved at the time the Plan of Water Management is approved, however, a copy of the draft Rules and Regulations will be provided to the State Engineer when the Plan of Water Management is submitted.

## Discussion on Forbearance Agreements and Other Possible Replacement Sources

President Schmittel asked for the discussion on forbearance agreements and other possible replacement sources. Amber Pacheco provided some talking points and a draft forbearance agreement. Ms. Pacheco explained the meaning of forbearance agreements, how they work and gave some examples. Discussion was held on other possible replacement sources. A work session was scheduled and staff was asked to be prepare examples of how much forbearance agreements would pay on a dry, average and wet year.

# **Next Meeting**

A Work Session was scheduled for July 15, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the Saguache County Road and Bridge. The next regularly scheduled Quarterly Meeting was scheduled for July 24, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.



Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer