

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
February 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
By Zoom Teleconference**

Present: Brian Brownell, President; Carla Worley, Vice-President; Jamie Hart, BOM; Miguel A. Diaz, BOM; Sheldon Rockey, BOM; Clay Mitchell, BOM; Chris Miner, BOM; Les Alderete, BOM; Tony Holcomb, BOM; Asier Artaechevarria, BOM; and Mike Kruse, Ex-Officio.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Marisa Fricke, Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Michael Carson, Data Base Administrator; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason, David Hofmann, Dale Bartee, Brian Rue, Judy Jolly, Chad Spearman, Brad Grasmick, Jake Burris, William Myers, Margaret Goehl Trujillo/Goehl Ranches, Ernie Myers, John Kretsinger, Lawrence Good, Kim Cooley, Mark Brown, Paul New, and Michael Jones.

Meeting Called to Order

President Brownell called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

President Brownell asked for amendments or for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Jamie Hart to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Rockey and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Brownell asked for public comment. Brad Grasmick reported on a letter he emailed to Pete Ampe on behalf of NEWUA regarding the Well Permit Program. President Brownell asked Marisa Fricke to present the letter and asked Mr. Grasmick to provide the Board with a summary of the letter. Mr. Grasmick reported having many questions and a number of issues in connection with the program which he went through and was provided responses from the Board of Managers. Mike Kruse commented on how the Subdistrict could use the variable fee. David Hofmann weighed in on the State's position on well retirement.

Discussion and Possible Action

President Brownell asked for discussion and possible action items.

• ***Well Permit Program and Funding***

Marisa Fricke presented the proposed Resolution creating the Well Permit Program. Discussion was held on how calculations will be done, a possible ranking system, application deadline and other factoring criteria. Pete Ampe presented the draft Well Permit Program Resolution with the highlighted additions and changes. Discussion was held on value per acre foot and having perimeters and setting boundaries.

A motion was made by Jamie Hart to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Clay Mitchell. Asier Artaechevarria reported why he would not support the program as it stands, he and Les Alderete voted no, the motion passed.

Pete Ampe presented the draft Offer to Sell Groundwater Right or Permit to Subdistrict No. 1, Acting by and Through its Water Activity Enterprise. Discussion was held on the terms contained in the draft offer.

A motion was made by Jamie Hart to adopt the Offer to Sell Groundwater Right or Permit with minor corrections as staff and consultants may find in the future. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Rockey and unanimously approved.

• ***Draft 2021 Budget***

Marisa Fricke presented the draft 2021 budget and explained the changes made since December. Ms. Fricke highlighted the amounts available to use as potential funding for programs as well as payments and items removed from the budget. She reported on the number of wells interested in the Well Permit Purchase Program and stated for the record that Mike Kruse retracted his offer on January 19, 2021.

A motion was made by Clay Mitchell to approve the preliminary 2021 draft budget and release it to the public. The motion was seconded by Jamie Hart, Asier Artachevarria abstained, the motion passed.

Board Open Discussion

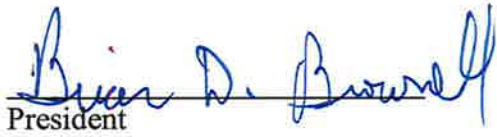
President Brownell asked for board open discussion. Deb Sarason reported on wells listed in the Subdistrict No. 1 well list that are not listed on the Annual Replacement Plan well list and asked the Board how they plan to include those wells. Pete Ampe directed those wells to be added to the Annual Replacement Plan well list. Sheldon Rockey commented on the progress made concerning the Well Permit Program and expressed appreciation for the concerns of NEWUA.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer