

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #5
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
January 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: David Schmittle, President; George Whitten, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Kit Caldon, Manager; and Dale Gerstberger, Manager.

Absent: Corey Hill, Manager; and Doug Gunnels, Ex Officio Member.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Angelo Bellah, Program Manager; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; Casandra McCuen, HCP Coordinator/Program Assistant, and Michael Carson, Database Administrator.

Guests: Greg Higel, David Hofmann, Rebie Hazard, William Myers, Michelle Lanzoni, Diane Woodard, Zeke Ward, and Willie Hoffner.

Meeting Called to Order

President Schmittle called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

President Schmittle asked for any changes, additions or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Kit Caldon to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by George Whitten and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Schmittle asked for public comment. Willie Hoffner commented on when the Subdistrict was formed and the direction it is headed. He also commented on improving the water table with senate bill funds. President Schmittle commented on the Board of Managers responsibilities to improve sustainability and the financial responsibility to the people in the valley. Diane Woodard commented on geothermal energy. Michael Carson commented on a meeting he attended regarding geothermal energy.

CWCB Loan Update

President Schmittle asked for the CWCB loan update. Chris Ivers reported on the approved loan increase and when the funds would be available to the Subdistrict. He provided the total loan amount, interest rate, terms and length of the loan. Mr. Ivers described what the funds from the loan would be used for.

Review and Consider Bids to Drill Augmentation Well

President Schmittle asked for review and consider bids to drill augmentation well. Chris Ivers presented the three (3) bids received. He highlighted the amount of each bid and how much of the loan funds would be obligated to the well. Mr. Ivers reported on the possibility of another increase to the loan. Discussion was held on the bids.

A motion was made by Dale Gerstberger to award/accept the Cooper Drilling bid of \$673,500 to drill the well. The motion was seconded by Kit Caldon. The motion was amended to include that if Cooper Drilling does not get back to/respond by the end of the month, the bid would be awarded to Ray Newmyer. The amendment to the motion was withdrawn. The original motion stands, roll call vote was taken:

Dale Gerstberger: YES
George Whitten: YES
Kit Caldon: YES
David Schmittle: NO

The motion passed with three (3) yes's, one (1) no.

Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice Concerning the Potential Purchase of Real Property

President Schmittel asked for executive session to receive legal advice concerning the potential purchase of real property. A motion was made by Kit Caldon to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by George Whitten and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(a) to receive legal advice concerning the potential purchase of real property. The Board would take no formal action or position during the executive session.

Possible Action from Executive Session

President Schmittel asked for possible action from executive session. Staff was directed to proceed.


Next Meeting

A special meeting was scheduled for February 9, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer