

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #2
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

March 4, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

**Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room
Alamosa, Colorado 81101**

Present: Karla Shriver, President; Eric Hinton, Vice-President; Scot Schaefer, Secretary/Treasurer; Mark Deacon, BOM; and, Michael Schaefer, BOM.

Absent: Harold Stoeber, BOM; Gerald Ziegler, BOM; and, Greg Higel, Ex-Officio

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill and Robbins, P.C.; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Tim Carden, HCP Coordinator/Program Assistant; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason, David Hofmann and, Rick Davie.

Meeting Called to Order

President Shriver called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

President Shriver asked for amendments or for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Eric Hinton to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mark Deacon and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Shriver asked for public comment. There was none.

Review Preliminary Water Report for 2019 ARP Operations

President Shriver asked for the review of the Preliminary Water Report for 2019 Annual Replacement Plan operations. Amber Pacheco presented the 2019 pumping numbers and 2019 stream flows used to determine if the prediction in the ARP was accurate. Ms. Pacheco explained how she calculates the depletions and highlighted the projected groundwater withdrawals were close to actual but the preliminary streamflow was projected too low. Discussion was held on how the Town of Del Norte and the Town of Monte Vista will operate. Ms. Pacheco reported managing pumping will keep the depletions low and presented a few scenarios changing the streamflow and pumping figures to show the effects. President Shriver suggested the message that pumping amounts are the greatest factor in stream depletions go out to the public.

Update on Contracts for Upper Rio Grande Model Area and Governmental Entities

President Shriver asked for an update on contracts for the Upper Rio Grande Model area and governmental entities. Amber Pacheco reported that the Peer Review Team reviewed and approved the use of the Upper Rio Grande Model and approved a method to calculate depletions. The PRT also approved the Rio Grande Water Conservation District to contract with those wells. Ms. Pacheco explained how it operates. Pete Ampe stated that he received a draft contract and would review it. Ms. Pacheco presented a response function with the new Upper Rio Grande Model which included the monthly stream depletions and impacts for the year. Discussion was held on what wells were in the new group, where the boundaries are and the impacts to the Subdistrict. Mr. Ampe explained the role of compact as well as the Closed Basin's role. Ms. Pacheco presented a graph which showed the projected pumping. Discussion was held with irrigation well owners in the area that they will not need to contract until the 2021 ARP because they do not need to use their wells in the beginning of the 2021 irrigation season. Staff will contact all commercial and other use well in this area to offer contracts.

Discussion on the 2020 Annual Replacement Plan

President Shriver asked for a discussion on the 2020 Annual Replacement Plan. Amber Pacheco reported she had run preliminary response functions with projected pumping amounts. Ms. Pacheco stated the preliminary response functions included potential inclusion contracts and CPW wells. Discussion was held on whether or not assessing and paying pumping fees will have an impact on the pumping projection. Ms. Pacheco reported on storage carry over projected amounts and water the RGWCD has in storage. She provided an update on secured forbearance

agreements as well as possible agreements being negotiated. Pete Ampe reported Subdistrict No. 1 directed staff to draft the MOU with the same terms as last year.

New Business

President Shriver asked for new business. There was none.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting was scheduled for April 13, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. rather than May 5, 2020. The Board will consider the 2020 ARP on April 13th as well.

Executive Session


President Shriver asked for a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice regarding a potential purchase of real property. A motion was made by Michael Schaefer to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Scot Schaefer and unanimously approved. Pete Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session. All discussion would relate to a potential purchase of real property. The Board would take no formal action while in executive session.

Action on Executive Session Discussion


Pete Ampe stated the Board was in executive session and had voted to come out. Discussion was related to receiving legal advice regarding the potential purchase of real property.

Adjournment

President Shriver asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Eric Hinton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Scot Schaefer and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer