

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
March 7, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room
Alamosa, Colorado 81101**

Present: LeRoy Salazar, President; Ruben Sandoval, Manager; Sam Vance, Manager; Jack Gilleland, Manager; Warren Crowther, Manager; and Dwight Martin, Ex-Officio Member.

Excused: Nathan Coombs, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill and Robbins P.C.; David Robbins, Hill and Robbins P.C.; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Chris Ivers, Deputy Program Manager; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason, Michael Hale and Mark Smith.

Meeting Called to Order

President Salazar called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Consent Agenda Including February 13, 2019 Minutes

President Salazar asked for changes or a motion to approve the consent agenda. A motion was made by Sam Vance to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Jack Gilleland and unanimously approved.

Election of Officers

President Salazar asked for the Election of Officers. A motion was made by Sam Vance to keep all of the officers the same. The motion was seconded by Ruben Sandoval and unanimously approved. Leroy Salazar remained President and Nathan Coombs remained Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Attorney's Report

President Salazar asked for the Attorney's Report. Pete Ampe reported he has been focusing on the Annual Replacement Plan and he provided the Board with an update on the pending leases. Mr. Ampe stated they need to finalize the lease with the San Luis Valley Irrigation Well Owners, the BLM, and a lease for Creede's excess augmentation water. Discussion was held on the amounts and storage of the water. Discussion was held on prepaying the compact or having an agreement to relinquish water. Mr. Ampe provided the definition of relinquishment and how it works. President Salazar reported an agreement was made with Gerald Faucette to fallow a parcel and lease the consumptive use of his El Viejo Ditch right to pay depletions on the Alamosa River.

Program Manager's Report

President Salazar asked for the Program Manager's Report. Amber Pacheco provided the Board with the financial update which provided the total expenditures to-date. Ms. Pacheco reported no appeals to the 2018 annual assessments had been filed as of yet.

Discuss Progress on Annual Replacement Plan for 2019

President Salazar asked for discussion on progress on the Annual Replacement Plan for 2019. Amber Pacheco provided the names of the ditches that have agreed to forbearance agreements as well as the ditches they are having ongoing conversations with about forbearance agreements. Ms. Pacheco reported she attended meeting of the Terrace Irrigation Company shareholders and she is working with them to put together a forbearance agreement for their ditch rights and a storage agreement for the water leased from Faucette. Discussion was held storage of water. Mr. Ampe stated the Annual Replacement Plan needs to be approved by April 15, 2019. Ms. Pacheco provided the Board with the projected depletions and river forecast. Ms. Pacheco announced she attended a meeting with the Town of Sanford and they made a motion to contract with the Subdistrict. Once the Groundwater Rules are passed, they will be submitting a request to the Board of Managers to contract in their wells.



New Business

President Salazar asked for new business. He thanked Jack Gilleland for his time serving on the Board. Amber Pacheco announced she received three (3) letters of interest to fill Jack Gilleland's seat. Staff will be sending out a straw poll ballot to ask Subdistrict Members in that Nomination District to vote on the person they would want to have serve in the vacant seat.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for April 4, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. The next quarterly meeting was scheduled for June 6, 2019, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer

