

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #2
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
September 14, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

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

Absent: Greg Higel, Ex-Officio.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason, David Hofmann, and Monica McCafferty.

Meeting Called to Order

President Shriver called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

President Shriver asked for any amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Michael Schaefer to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Scot Schaefer and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Shriver asked for public comment. There were none.

Discussion and Possible Action on Renewal of Offer to Subdistrict No. 1 to Purchase Water They Currently Hold in Storage

President Shriver asked for the discussion and possible action on renewal of offer to Subdistrict No. 1 to purchase water they currently hold in storage. Amber Pacheco reminded the Board of the original offer made to Subdistrict No. 1 back in April. Ms. Pacheco reported she had not received a response from Subdistrict No. 1 on the counter-offer the Board had made, therefore, she purchased other sources to cover the 2021 Annual Replacement Plan. She highlighted the current fund balance and the projected cost of storage. Discussion was held on the terms of a potential agreement, how much money to offer Subdistrict No. 1 and how many acre feet of water is needed. President Shriver highlighted the amount of acre-feet, the price per acre foot, and the first payment due date that the Board was considering to offer Subdistrict No. 1. Discussion was held on potential ATM's and fallow programs in the upcoming year.

A motion was made by Eric Hinton to table this discussion until after item number (4) of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Gerald Zeigler and unanimously approved.

Discussion Regarding Contract Renewals for 2022 Annual Replacement Plan

President Shriver asked for discussion regarding contract renewals for the 2022 Annual Replacement Plan. Amber Pacheco reported the contracts would automatically renew without any changes unless the Board brings about any issues. Ms. Pacheco highlighted how they are assessed fees. Discussion was held on the number of depletions the contract wells bring to the Subdistrict and what the process would be to raise their fees. Discussion was also held on the Upper Rio Grande wells being 1/5th of the Subdistricts' total depletions and the impact those depletions have on the Subdistrict.

A motion was made by Scot Schaefer to accept contract renewals for the 2022 Annual Replacement Plan at a rate of \$105 an acre-foot for those wells outside of the Subdistrict Response Area and the rate of \$45 an acre-foot for the contract renewals for those within the Subdistrict Response Area and an Administrative Fee the same for all Subdistrict wells. The motion was seconded by Mark Deacon and unanimously approved.

Continue Discussion on Possible Action on Renewal of Offer to Subdistrict No. 1 to Purchase Water They Currently Hold in Storage

President Shriver asked to continue discussion on possible action on renewal of offer to Subdistrict No. 1 to purchase water they currently hold in storage.

A motion was made by Eric Hinton to make an offer to Subdistrict No. 1 to purchase 1,500 acre-feet of water they have stored at \$250 per acre-foot with a contract effective date of January 1, 2022, and a payment date of June 1, 2022, including the payment of all 2022 storage fees. The motion was seconded by Mike Schaefer and unanimously approved.

Review and Possible Approval of the Subdistrict No. 2 2022 Budget

President Shriver asked for review and possible approval of the Subdistrict No. 2 2022 Budget. She highlighted the budget could change due to the actions that were taken at this meeting.

A motion was made by Mark Deacon to approve the Subdistrict No. 2 2022 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Eric Hinton and unanimously approved.

Discussion was held on the importance of securing permanent water sources and getting involved in ATM projects.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Eric Hinton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Gerald Ziegler and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



President

Verified by PDFFiller



Secretary/Treasurer

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