

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #5  
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
September 3, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.  
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room  
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

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

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

**Staff and Consultants:** Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

**Guests:** David Hofmann, and Deb Sarason.

**Meeting Called to Order**

President Schmittel called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. A quorum was present for the meeting.

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

**Public Comment**

President Schmittel asked for public comment. There was none.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Augmentation Well Driller**

President Schmittel asked for discussion and possible action on augmentation well driller. Chris Ivers reported the Subdistrict would need to go through the bidding process to select a well driller in order to avoid legal liability. Mr. Ivers explained when the bidding could open, how long he thought it should remain open and why the bidding process was necessary. George Whitten reported on the need to hire someone with a rig capable of drilling through rock. Dale Gerstberger commented on how long it took to get the well drilled on the Baxter property. Discussion was held on where the well would be drilled and where the best place to pull power would be. Mr. Ivers explained the Board would not have to accept the lowest bid but would have to have a reason not to. He read how the bid request would read in the newspaper. Discussion was held on well logs in connection with concerns reported by Iris Garcia and the Town of Saguache. David Hofmann reported phase seven (7) of the model is being worked on and would be released soon.

A motion was made by George Whitten to rescind his motion made at the September 2, 2022 Subdistrict No. 5 special meeting to engage with Ray Newmyer to drill the larger one (1) of the two (2) wells, option two (2) for total cost of \$47,800. The motion was seconded by Dale Gerstberger and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Dale Gerstberger to put out a bid request with the discussed stipulations and according to staff recommendations/references and time frame. The motion was seconded by George Whitten and unanimously approved.

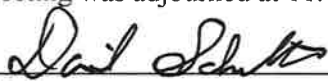
Mr. Ivers provided the bid end date and discussion was held on changing the irrigation season start date.

**Next Meeting**

A Special Meeting and Budget Work Session was scheduled for September 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

  
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Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer