

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #5
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**May 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
8805 Independence Way
Alamosa, CO 81101
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: David Schmittel, President; George Whitten, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Kit Caldon, Manager; Dale Gerstberger, Manager; Corey Hill, Manager; and, Peggy Godfrey, Ex-Officio Member.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Marisa Fricke, Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason, David Hofmann, Tom McCracken, Joe Smesny, William Myers, John Mattingly, Daryl Dinkla, and, Ryan Fox.

Meeting Called to Order

President Schmittel called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

President Schmittel asked for any changes, additions or a motion to the 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.

Executive Session-To receive Legal Advice Concerning the Potential Purchase of Real Property

President Schmittel asked for a motion to enter into 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 discuss a 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.

A motion was made by Dale Gerstberger to make an offer to lease a portion of the Tarbell Ditch water from Monte Enes and Rick Ward who each have a 2/5th ownership interest for \$80,000 each and from Calvin Coleman who has a 1/5th ownership interest for \$40,000. The motion was seconded by Kit Caldon and unanimously approved.

Discussion on Groundwater Restrictions Meeting

President Schmittel asked for discussion on the groundwater restrictions meeting. Pete Ampe asked the Board for their input on a written proposal. President Schmittel provided a percentage reduction amount and explained how he came up with the calculation. Dale Gerstberger reported on he would be drilling wells on his property to monitor the aquifer. Peggy Godfrey reported having the last ten (10) years' worth of data from monitoring wells. Chris Ivers explained how the well monitoring data on the Rio Grande Water Conservation District's website could be accessed. Discussion was held on presenting a written groundwater restrictions proposal at the next subcommittee meeting.

Selecting Representatives to Meet with Saguache Creek Water Users

President Schmittel asked for selecting representatives to meet with Saguache Creek Water Users. Chris Ivers reported it was suggested at the last meeting that they set up a formal committee to meet to discuss a plan. Dale Gerstberger and George Whitten volunteered to be on the committee along with CJ Weis and Kit Caldon.

Discussion on Saguache Creek Remedies

President Schmittle asked for discussion on Saguache Creek remedies. Willie Myers made a request to sublease water from the Town of Saguache. Pete Ampe provided direction. Mr. Myers also asked if the Subdistrict was going to offer a reduction of pumping on the Tarbell water. David Hofmann reported on the total depletions for the year on all three (3) rivers. President Schmittle highlighted the effects of groundwater withdrawals in Subdistrict No. 1 and the Closed Basin Project to Subdistrict No. 5's aquifer.

Direction for Staff

President Schmittle asked for direction for staff. Staff reported receiving directions.

New Business

President Schmittle asked for new business. There was none

Next Meeting

A special meeting was scheduled for May 25, 2021 at Saguache Road and Bridge at 5:00 p.m.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2021.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer