

**RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUDGET HEARING  
March 18, 2021 at 2:30 P.M.  
By Zoom Teleconference**

**Present:** Greg Higel, President; Armando Valdez, Vice-President; Dwight Martin, Secretary/  
Treasurer; Peggy Godfrey, Director; Zeke Ward, Director; Mike Kruse, Director; Cory Off, Director;  
and Bill McClure, Director.

**Absent:** Steve Keller, Director.

**Staff and Consultants:** David Robbins, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager;  
Marisa Fricke, Program Manager; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program  
Assistant; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Cheryl Anderson, Office Manager; Michael Carson,  
Database Administrator; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

**Guests:** Dale Bartee.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Greg Higel called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. There was a quorum present for the meeting.

**INTRODUCTION OF STAFF AND GUESTS**

President Greg Higel welcomed all those present and asked for introductions.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

President Higel asked for amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Dwight Martin to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Cory Off and unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Higel asked for public comment. There were none.

**2021 BUDGET HEARING**

President Higel announced the Board would enter into the budget hearing and asked for public comment regarding the budget. There were none

- *Resolution to approve the revised FY 2021 Budget.*

David Robbins highlighted what had transpired to date with the Subdistrict No. 1 budget and the objection made by NEWUA. Mr. Robbins explained the requirements set by Judge Gonzalez in connection with the Subdistrict No. 1 Well Purchase Program. Marisa Fricke updated the Board on the number of bids the Subdistrict had received for the Well Purchase Program as well as an estimated amount the Subdistrict will pay per well. She also explained how the wells are evaluated. Director Valdez encouraged consistency when considering the wells. Discussion was held on the rules, requirements, and potential limitations of the program.

A motion was made by Cory Off to approve/adopt the resolution to approve the revised FY 2021 budget. The motion was seconded by Dwight Martin and unanimously approved.

Amber Pacheco provided an update on Subdistrict No. 5's ARP.

**OTHER ACTIONS AS REQUIRED**

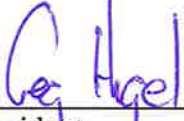
President Higel asked for other actions as required. There were none.

**ADJOURN**

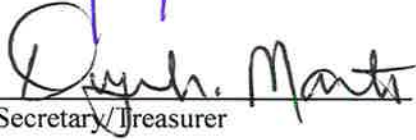
A motion was made by Dwight Martin to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Armando Valdez and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The next scheduled quarterly meeting will be held on April 20, 2021.



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President



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Secretary/Treasurer

## RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUDGET

A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR EACH FUND AND ADOPTING A REVISED BUDGET FOR THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, COLORADO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY 2021 AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER 2021

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District has appointed Cleave Simpson, General Manager, to prepare and submit a proposed revised budget to said governing body at the proper time, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed revised budget was provided to this governing body on March 11, 2021, for its consideration, and;

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published and posted in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was open for inspection by the public at a designated place, a public hearing was held on March 18, 2021, and interested taxpayers were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to said proposed amended budget, and;

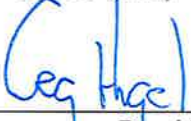
WHEREAS, whatever increases may have been made in the expenditures, like increases were added to the revenues so that the budget remains in balance, as required by law.

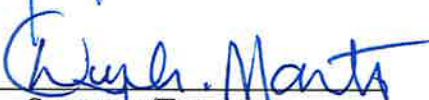
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, COLORADO:

Section 1      That the budget, as submitted, revised and herein above summarized by fund hereby is approved and adopted as the budget of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District for the year stated above.

Section 2      That the revised budget hereby approved and adopted shall be signed by the President and Secretary/Treasurer and made a part of the public records of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.

ADOPTED, this 18th day of March A.D. 2021

  
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President

Attest:   
Secretary/Treasurer