

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #4  
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
May 5, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.  
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM  
AND ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE**

**Present:** David Frees, President; Pete Stagner, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Jan Waye, Manager; Jeremy Uhlenbrock, Manager; and, Peggy Godfrey, Ex-Officio Member.

**Staff and Consultants:** Pete Ampe, Hill and Robbins, P.C.; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Marisa Fricke, Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant; and, Michael Carson, Database Administrator.

**Guests:** David Hofmann, Deb Sarason, John Gerstle, William Myers, Mike Dill, Chris Schafer, Sarah Parmar, Ryan Unterrainer, Dirk Rasmussen, Dick Sparks.

**Meeting Called to Order**

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

**Approval of the Agenda**

President Frees asked for amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Pete Stagner to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Jan Waye and unanimously approved.

**Public Comment**

President Frees asked for public comment. There were none.

**Review and Consider Bids to Clean the Stream Channel**

President Frees asked for review and consider bids to clean the stream channel. Chris Ivers reported receiving one bid for \$8,000.00 to clean the stream channel within thirty (30) days.

A motion was made by Pete Stagner to approve the contract for cleaning of the stream channel. The motion was seconded by Jan Waye and unanimously approved.

**Review and Consider Bids to Farm Two (2) Alfalfa Quarters**

President Frees asked for review and consider bids to farm two (2) alfalfa quarters. Chris Ivers reported receiving one bid to farm two (2) alfalfa quarters. He provided the proposed dollar amount per quarter and reported a proper lease would be prepared.

A motion was made by Jeremy Uhlenbrock to approve the contract for lease of two (2) alfalfa quarters. The motion was seconded by Jan Waye, Pete Stagner abstained, the motion passed.

**Review and Consider Contracts with Subdistrict No. 5 Wells**

President Frees asked for review and consider contracts with Subdistrict No. 5 wells. Chris Ivers reported receiving three (3) requests to contract with the Subdistrict. He named two (2) of the contracts and reported the volume of water was not significant enough to put the Subdistrict in jeopardy of not having enough Well Injury Payment agreements to cover the injuries. William Myers requested to use a contract under his SWSP regardless of Subdistrict No. 5 ARP approval. Mr. Myers provided his amount of depletions for a full year. Mr. Ivers provided an update on Subdistrict No. 5's ARP approval. He also explained the request from Colorado Parks and Wildlife for a contract. Ryan Unterrainer reported requesting coverage on San Luis Creek to allow for Russel Lakes to operate and provide habitat for migration.

A motion was made by Pete Stagner to approve all three (3) contracts as discussed. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Uhlenbrock and unanimously approved.

**Discussion Regarding Revegetation**

President Frees asked for discussion regarding revegetation. Sarah Parmar from Colorado Open Lands and Dick Sparks were invited to the meeting to discuss the requirements for the revegetation process and the best plan for the Subdistrict. Ms. Parmar highlighted the objective of the groundwater conservation easement and walked the Board through the land transition plan process. Discussion was held on the challenges of revegetating and some of the potential types of vegetation to plant. Dick Sparks and Pete Stagner explained the reason for the blowouts on the corners of the

properties. President Frees suggested an archeological survey be done to determine if any cultural resources were present. Ms. Parmar highlighted additional Equip funding may be available in connection with planting native species vs. non-native species. She also reported on the minimum amount of water to be applied.

**Other Director Reports/Comments/Questions**

President Frees asked for other director reports/comments/questions. There were none.

**New Business**

President Frees asked for new business.

**Next Meeting**

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Pete Stagner to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jan Waye and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

  
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Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer