# SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #2 OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT April 12, 2019, 11:00 a.m.

Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room Alamosa, Colorado 81101

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

**Staff and Consultants:** Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Chris Ivers, Deputy Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Tim Carden, HCP Coordinator/Program Assistant; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason, Lewis Entz, Nic Blume, Brian David.

#### Meeting Called to Order

President Shriver called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### Approval of the Agenda

President Shriver asked for corrections, additions or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Mark Deacon to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Scot Schaefer and unanimously approved.

# Review and Possible Approval of Participation Contract for San Luis Valley Cemetery <u>Association</u>

President Shriver asked for the review and possible approval of a Participation Contract for the San Luis Valley Cemetery Association. Amber Pacheco explained the approval request. Ms. Pacheco's recommendation was for the Board to approve the Participation Contract. A motion was made by Scot Schaefer to approve the San Luis Valley Cemetery Association Participation Contract. The motion was seconded by Eric Hinton and unanimously approved.

# Approval of the 2019 Annual Replacement Plan

President Shriver asked for the approval of the 2019 Annual Replacement Plan. Ms. Pacheco presented the 2019 Annual Replacement Plan and highlighted pumping projections made as well as the replacement sources available to cover injurious stream depletions. Ms. Pacheco stated the Annual Replacement Plan was prepared based on Subdistrict No. 2's Plan of Water Management and requirements of the approved Groundwater Rules. Pete Ampe stated once the Annual Replacement Plan is submitted to the state, changes cannot be made. Ms. Pacheco stated she submitted a request to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District to act as the Subdistrict's financial guarantor for Post-Plan Injurious Stream Depletions for the ARP year as the Subdistrict continues to build up its portfolio. Ms. Pacheco reported on the acquired supplies including wet water, stored water and forbearance agreements. Ms. Pacheco described a concept which Chris Ivers presented to Subdistrict No. 1 to allow Subdistrict No. 2 to purchase a portion of their stored Santa Maria water to cover depletions therefore allowing Subdistrict No. 1 to save money on storage fees and to recover some of the cost of the water they were storing.

A motion was made by Michael Schaefer to recommend the 2019 Annual Replacement Plan to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board of Directors for approval. The motion was seconded by Mark Deacon and unanimously approved.

Ms. Pacheco went over the forbearance agreement amounts and a discussion was held.

#### Review and Possible Action- Appeals to 2018 Fee Assessments

President Shriver asked for the review and possible action on the 2018 fee assessment appeals.

Amber Pacheco provided the Board with the details of the appeals.

• Charles Stillings stated one of his wells was abandoned and another was assessed the sprinkler rate rather than flood. A refund amount of \$758.07 would be due if the Board approves the appeal.

A motion was made by Mark Deacon to approve the Charles Stillings appeal and grant a refund of \$758.07. The motion was seconded by Gerald Ziegler and unanimously approved. Ms. Pacheco stated she would require verification of payment prior to issuing the refund check.

• Ms. Pacheco stated the sprinkler rate was charged to Hinton Ranch when it should have been the flood rate. A refund in the amount of \$78.22 would be due if the Board approves the appeal. Ms. Pacheco stated she had already received a verification of payment.

A motion was made by Gerald Ziegler to approve the Hinton Ranch appeal and grant a refund of \$78.22. The motion was seconded by Mark Deacon, all approved with the exception of Eric Hinton who abstained from voting.

• Ms. Pacheco stated a well owned by Pleasant QTIP Trust used for flood was assessed the sprinkler rate. A refund in the amount of \$662.91 would be due if the Board approves the appeal. Ms. Pacheco confirmed receiving the proof of payment.

A motion was made by Mark Deacon to approve the Pleasant QTIP Trust appeal and grant a refund of \$662.91. The motion was seconded by Gerald Ziegler. All approved with the exception of Scot Schaefer who abstained from voting.

# **Next Meeting**

The next regular quarterly meeting date is May 7, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

# **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 12:45 p.m.

President

Secretary/Treasurer