

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #5  
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
December 4, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.  
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room  
Alamosa, Colorado 81101**

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

**Absent:** Dale Gerstberger, Manager

**Staff and Consultants:** Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Chris Ivers, Deputy Program Manager; Clinton Phillips, District Engineer; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

**Guests:** Mike Kruse, Emma Censky, and Willie Hoffner.

**Meeting Called to Order**

President Schmittel called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of the Agenda**

President Schmittel asked for 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 Corey Hill and unanimously approved.

Pete Ampe updated the Board on his conversation with Tim Davis about potential funding from RCPP for stream gauges and stated he would continue to seek outside funding.

**Executive Session**

President Schmittel asked for a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice concerning the purchase of real property. A motion was made by George Whitten to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Kit Caldon and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session. All discussion would relate to the acquisition of real property. The Board would take no formal position.

**Action on Executive Session Discussion**

Pete Ampe stated the Board was in executive session and had voted to come out. Discussion was related to receiving legal advice regarding the potential purchase of real property.

**Direction for Staff**

President Schmittel asked for direction for staff. Amber Pacheco updated the Board on some of the forbearance discussions in other Subdistricts. Ms. Pacheco stated some Subdistricts are offering a \$200 sign up bonus as a way to encourage forbearance sign ups. Ms. Pacheco also stated Subdistrict No. 4 requested a joint work session with this Subdistrict to discuss issues and ideas. Discussion was held on having a person from the Conejos area come and talk to the people in this Subdistrict about forbearance agreements. Discussion was also held on holding meetings in Saguache.

**Next Meeting**

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2020, with a work session to follow with Subdistrict No. 4. A special meeting was scheduled for January 7, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Saguache County Road and Bridge. President Schmittel directed staff to continue to proceed to explore the options of recharge ponds, well facilities, water rights and the purchase of property.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by George Whitten to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Corey Hill and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

  
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Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer