

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #4
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
July 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room
Alamosa, Colorado 81101**

Present: Jerry Berry, President; David Frees, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Richard Blumenhein, Manager; Ronald Bowman, Manager and Peggy Godfrey, Ex-Officio Member.

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

Guests: Donald Valdez, Cody Reddin, Pete Stagner, Tyrell Mares, Ethan Blumenhein, Patricia Reigel, Sarah Van Horn, Kelly Smith, Tim Hall.

Meeting Called to Order

President Berry called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Consent Agenda Including Minutes-June 4, 2019-Quarterly Meeting

President Berry asked for amendments or a motion to approve the consent agenda items. A motion was made by David Frees to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Richard Blumenhein and unanimously approved.

Attorney's Report

President Berry asked for the Attorney's Report. Pete Ampe reported he is working on the Plan of Water Management edits as well as discussions on forbearance agreements and water supplies.

Program Manager's Report

President Berry asked for the Program Manager's Report. Amber Pacheco reported she is working on the Plan of Water Management edits. She explained the process to get approval of the Plan once it is complete, There are interested parties wanting to contract into the Subdistrict once the Plan is approved. Ms. Pacheco suggested holding special meetings in order to help educate the public on forbearance agreements.

Discussion on Draft Plan of Water Management Revisions

President Berry asked for a discussion on the draft Plan of Water Management revisions. Amber Pacheco went through the Plan of Water Management and highlighted each edit that was made and asked the Board for their comments and questions.

Discussion on Draft Rules and Regulations

President Berry asked for a discussion on the draft Rules and Regulations. Amber Pacheco reported changes to the Rules and Regulations can be made without the need to go through a court process. Ms. Pacheco went through each edit and explained the changes. Pete Ampe reported how a contract with the Subdistrict would work and Ms. Pacheco reported on her conversation with the Fish and Wildlife.

Discussion on Replacement Sources (Wet Water Supplies, Forbearance, Etc.)

President Berry asked for a discussion on replacement sources, wet water supplies, forbearance, etc. Amber Pacheco provided the Board with a list of who the Subdistrict may need forbearance agreements with or they will need to supply with wet water. She also explained the meaning of a forbearance agreement and how they work. Discussion was held on multiple options and possibilities as well as making changes to cropping practices in order to make up stream depletions. Pete Ampe provided the legal obligations associated with the possible remedies.

General Board Discussion

President Berry opened the meeting up for general Board discussion. Amber Pacheco reported receiving a letter of interest from Pete Stagner to serve on the Board of Managers. Ms. Pacheco stated the District Board of Directors would take a vote at their next meeting.

New Business

President Berry urged the Board and public to have any open wells capped and covered up. President Berry asked for new business. A discussion was held on different crop choices, water savings, and offering incentives for conservation.

Next Meeting

A special meeting was scheduled for July 30, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. Another special meeting was scheduled for August 6, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. to approve the Plan of Water Management. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on September 3, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer