

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #4
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
November 29, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

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

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill and Robbins, P.C.; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: David Hofmann, and William Myers.

Meeting Called to Order

President Frees called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. There was a quorum present for the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Public Comment

President Frees asked for public comment. There was none.

Discussion Regarding 2023 Administrative and Groundwater Withdrawal Fee Assessments

President Frees asked for discussion regarding 2023 Administrative and Groundwater Withdrawal Fee Assessments. Chris Ivers presented the updated budget and reported adjusting the anticipated balances for 2023. He provided the amount of carry over and reported on the potential to lease six (6) quarters next year. Mr. Ivers presented the fee calculations and highlighted the total stream impacts, sustainability fee and the admin fee. Discussion was held on the Chokurei Ranch unpaid fees, Pete Ampe explained the Subdistricts options. Staff was directed to remit a letter to Chokurei Ranch advising them to contact staff prior to January 1st and develop a plan to pay the past due fees.

A motion was made by Pete Stagner to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Regenold and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Jeff Regenold to approve the 2023 fees. The motion was seconded by Pete Stagner and unanimously approved.

Resolution to Approve 2023 Administrative and Groundwater Withdrawal Fee Assessments

President Frees asked for Resolution to Approve 2023 Administrative and Groundwater Withdrawal Fee Assessments. Chris Ivers presented the proposed Resolution to Assess fees as discussed.

A motion was made by Jan Waye to approve 2023 Administrative and Groundwater Withdrawal fee Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Pete Stagner and unanimously approved.

Adjournment

Discussion was held on holding a special meeting to review/ approve a bid for the archeological survey.

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 4:31 p.m.



President

Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer

**RESOLUTION TO ASSESS FEES FOR SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
NO. 4 OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

A RESOLUTION ASSESSING FEES FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2024 TO (1) FUND THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4 OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE (SUBDISTRICT NO. 4); (2) TO FUND THE COSTS OF REMEDYING INJURIOUS DEPLETIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE PLAN OF WATER MANAGEMENT; AND, (3) TO FUND THE COSTS OF RECOVERING THE AQUIFER AS REQUIRED BY THE PLAN OF WATER MANAGMEENT FOR SUBDISTRICT NO. 4 FOR THE 2024 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for Subdistrict No. 4 administrative expenses is \$84,192.43; and

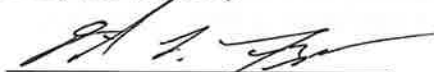
WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to fund the replacement of injurious depletions is \$69,228.79.

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to fund aquifer recovery is \$152,909.17

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Managers of Subdistrict No. 4, Colorado:

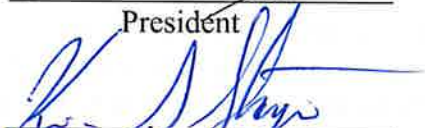
- Section 1: That for the purpose of meeting all administrative expenses of the Special Improvement District No. 4 during the 2024 budget year there is hereby assessed a fee of \$610.09 per Subdistrict Well as defined by the Plan of Water Management for Subdistrict No. 4 for the year 2023.
- Section 2: That for the purpose of funding the remedy of injurious depletions of Subdistrict No. 4 there is hereby assessed a fee of \$8.00 per acre-foot based on a five-year average of groundwater withdrawals during the period 2018-2022 as defined by the Plan of Water Management for Subdistrict No. 4.
- Section 3: That for the purpose of funding the recovery of the aquifer there is hereby assessed a fee of \$17.67 per acre-foot of groundwater withdrawn through a Subdistrict Well based on a five-year average of groundwater withdrawals during the period 2018-2022.
- Section 4: That the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify to the County Commissioners of Saguache County, Colorado, the assessments above determined and set.

ADOPTED, this 29th day of November, 2023.



President

Attest:



Secretary/Treasurer