

**RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
March 25, 2022 at 1:00 P.M.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101
And By Zoom Teleconference**

Present: Greg Higel, President; Armando Valdez, Vice-President; Dwight Martin, Secretary/
Treasurer; Peggy Godfrey, Board of Director; Mike Kruse, Board of Director; Zeke Ward, Board of
Director; and Dale Barteel, Board of Director.

Absent: Steve Keller, Board of Director; and, Cory Off, Board of Director.

Staff and Consultants: David Robbins, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Amber Pacheco, Acting Deputy
General Manager; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Rose
Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and April Mondragon,
Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason, David Hofmann, John Gerstle, William Myers, David Schmittel, and George
Whitten.

CALL TO ORDER

President Greg Higel called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. There was a quorum present for the
meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF AND GUESTS

President Greg Higel welcomed all those present and asked for introductions.

APPROVE AGENDA

President Higel asked for amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by
Dwight Martin to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and
unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Higel asked for public comment. There were none.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES
COOLEY TO REPRESENT THE SAN LUIS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT ON THE
SUBDISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD OF MANAGERS**

President Higel asked for the discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of James
Cooley to represent the San Luis Valley Irrigation District on the Subdistrict No. 1 Board of
Managers. Amber Pacheco reported Subdistrict No. 1 Board of Managers received a letter from the
San Luis Valley Irrigation District Company nominating James Cooley to fill the vacant seat as a
result of Asier Artaechevarria's term ending. She explained there were no other nominations and
according to their Rules, the Board of Directors are required to appoint the nomination.

A motion was made by Mike Kruse to appoint James Cooley to the Board of Managers of Subdistrict
No. 1. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF REAL
PROPERTY**

President Higel asked for an executive session to receive legal advice concerning the potential
purchase of real property. A motion was made by Dwight Martin to enter into executive session. The
motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

Mr. Robbins stated the Board was entering into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402 (4)(a)
to receive legal advice concerning the potential purchase of real property. The Board would take no
formal action or position during the executive session.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A POTENTIAL CONTRACT WITH TOWN OF
SAGUACHE**

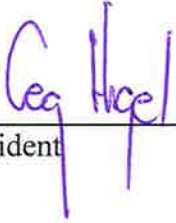
President Higel asked for discussion and possible action on a potential contract with the Town of
Saguache. Amber Pacheco reported on calls she was receiving from well owners in the Saguache

Subdistrict seeking assistance from Subdistrict No. 2 to cover depletions on the Rio Grande in order for them to move forward with filing SWSPs in case Subdistrict No. 5 did not get an approved ARP. Ms. Pacheco highlighted the request from the Town of Saguache as well as several other requests she had received. Discussion was held on the other options available to the Town of Saguache including San Luis Valley Conservancy District water. Chris Ivers explained how Subdistrict No. 5 was operational last year. David Robbins explained the importance of the Board of Directors understanding what is being discussed by Subdistricts in connection with acquiring land or water to assist their Plans of Water Management.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

The next scheduled quarterly meeting was scheduled for April 19, 2022.



President



Secretary/Treasurer