

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

August 8, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

8805 Independence Way

Alamosa, CO 81101

And By Zoom/Teleconference

Present: LeRoy Salazar, President; Nathan Coombs, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Absent: Warren Crowther, Manager; Doug Bagwell, Manager; Ruben Sandoval, Manager; Sam Vance, Manager; and, Elliott Salazar, Ex-Officio Member.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C; Angelo Bellah, Program Manager; Amber Pacheco, Deputy General Manager; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Jessica Valdez, Michelle Lanzoni.

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was not present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Nathan Coombs led the opening prayer.

Approval of the Agenda

President Salazar announced a quorum was not present, therefore no action would take place at the meeting.

Informational Discussions

President Salazar reiterated that no decisions would be made, this would be an informational meeting only. He asked for discussion regarding the status of other Subdistricts and the types of programs being offered. Angelo Bellah presented Subdistrict No. 3 pumping by Farm Unit analysis and an allocation education spreadsheet. He went over the percent of increase or decrease among municipal, Ag, fish, commercial and cemetery wells. Mr. Bellah highlighted the number of wells that pumped under 80 acre-feet and the number of wells that pumped over 80 acre-feet. Clinton Phillips presented the composite water head spreadsheet. President Salazar highlighted the goal to see positive trends. He gave suggestions on a potential allocation and over-pumping charge. Discussion was held on combining farm units and whether or not trading would be allowed. President Salazar asked how the aquifer could potentially be used as a reservoir. Wylie Keller went over some of the pros and cons of the programs implemented in the Trinchera and other Subdistricts. He highlighted the benefits of trading credits in Subdistrict No. 1. Nathan Coombs asked if there was enough time to offer more incentives and make sustainability a priority or if the Board needed to pursue something else. President Salazar went over the timeline and some of the challenges faced by the Subdistrict and if it would make sense to legislatively change sustainability. Pete Ampe described some of the challenges that would come with the idea. Discussion was held on the need to focus on permanent solutions. Mr. Keller presented the Subdistrict No. 3 allocation education worksheet. He went over the examples and explained different scenarios. Mr. Keller described the value in combining farm units during the farm unit update process and the value in an open market. Discussion was held on setting an 80 acre-foot limit per well or per farm unit. President Salazar presented an Educational Seminar agenda for Subdistrict No. 3 users. He explained how he developed the agenda and how it might be presented. Mr. Keller highlighted the importance of the Board of Managers to understand the programs/options to be offered. Discussion was held on the need to hold an education seminar/work session on either October 13th or 14th. President Salazar asked that farm units be printed and available to members at the education seminar/presentation.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

President

Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer