

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
July 13, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101
And by Zoom Teleconference**

Present: Brian Brownell, President; Jamie Hart, BOM; Miguel A. Diaz, BOM; Clay Mitchell, BOM; Chris Miner, BOM; Les Alderete, BOM; Tony Holcomb, BOM; and Mike Kruse, Ex-Officio Member. Carla Worley, Vice President.

Absent: ~~Carla Worley, Vice President~~; Sheldon Rockey, BOM; and, Asier Artaechevarria, BOM.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Marisa Fricke, Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Cheryl Anderson, Office Manager; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason, David Hofmann, Brian Rue, Jake Burris, Chris Outcault, Cody Carpenter, Mark Brown, Rob Jones, William Myers, Craig Cotton, Dee Greeman.

Meeting Called to Order

President Brownell called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. A quorum was present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

President Brownell asked for amendments or for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Jamie Hart to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Clay Mitchell and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Brownell asked for public comment. Marisa Fricke introduced Wylie Keller as the new on staff engineer.

Discussion on Plan of Water Management Revisions

President Brownell asked for discussion on Plan of Water Management revisions. Pete Ampe reported emailing the fourth amended draft Plan of Water Management revisions to the Board of Managers to review. Mr. Ampe asked for direction from the Board on how to define the minimum aquifer recovery benchmarks. Clinton Phillips presented a spreadsheet comparing consumptive use and one for one groundwater withdrawals. Discussion was held on the benchmarks, the complications, the amount of aquifer recovery and length of time to reach the Subdistrict goals. The Board discussed starting the pumping fee at \$500. Mr. Ampe provided the language he would add to the Plan that would allow the Board, at their discretion, to consider raising the pumping fee depending on the aquifer condition. Mr. Ampe asked the Board for direction on charging an administration fee to those located in the non-benefited lands, discussion was held on who would fall into the "non-benefited" category, future obligations and the budget.

Appeals

President Brownell asked for appeals. Marisa Fricke presented an appeal from Ken Carpenter which was due to a meter issue. She reported he provided accurate records which was approved by DWR. Staff recommendation was to approve the appeal and refund the amount of \$13,591.35.

A motion was made by Carla Worley to approve the appeal and refund the amount as staff recommends. The motion was seconded by Clay Mitchell and unanimously approved.

Surface Water Inclusion Agreement

President Brownell asked for Surface Water Inclusion Agreement. Marisa Fricke presented a Surface Water Inclusion Agreement for seven (7) shares of Rio Grande Canal. She highlighted the location and reported it was non benefited land.

A motion was made by Jamie Hart to include the Fox/Ense Surface Water Inclusion Agreement. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Rockey and unanimously approved.

Board Open Discussion

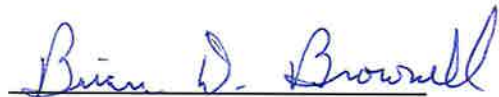
President Brownell asked for Board open discussion. Marisa Fricke explained how the roll out of the fourth amended Plan of Water Management transition year would play out. Pete Ampe reminded the Board to be mindful of bringing wells into Subdistrict No. 1 near Saguache Creek.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Sheldon Rockey to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jamie Hart and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer