

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #2
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
November 5, 2019, 9:00 a.m.
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room
Alamosa, Colorado 81101**

Present: Karla Shriver, President; Eric Hinton, Vice-President; Scot Schaefer, Secretary/Treasurer; Mark Deacon, BOM; Gerald Ziegler, BOM; Michael Schaefer, BOM; Harold Stoeber, BOM; and Greg Higel, Ex-Officio.

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

Guests: Deb Sarason, Brian David, Judy Lopez, Allen Law, Charles Stillings, Steve Matthews, Kathy Matthews, Charlotte, Bernadette Lucero, Rick Davie.

Meeting Called to Order

President Shriver called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

President Shriver asked for amendments or for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Eric Hinton to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Scot Schaefer and unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes

President Shriver asked for additions, corrections or a motion to approve the September 3, 2019 Special Meeting minutes and September 3, 2019 Executive Session minutes. A motion was made by Scot Schaefer to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Michael Schaefer and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Shriver thanked Judy Lopez from Colorado Open Lands and Allen Law from Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust for providing breakfast. President Shriver congratulated Amber Pacheco on being awarded Water Manager of the Year from the Division of Water Resources and asked for public comment. There were no other public comments.

Presentation by Judy Lopez (Colorado Open Lands) and Allen Law (RiGHT)

President Shriver asked for the presentation by Judy Lopez and Allen Law. Judy Lopez opened up the presentation by explaining what a conservation easement is and how it works. Allen Law stated both organizations were working on a new concept of conservation easements focused on aquifer sustainability. Ms. Lopez stated they are reaching out to the Subdistricts to get feedback on this new concept. Ms. Lopez reported on other projects Colorado Open Lands has been involved in and stated they are seeking a variety of input in order to create models to then come back and present them for comments. Mr. Law asked the Board if they had interest in pursuing the ground water conservation easements. President Shriver stated they would be open to any tool they can add to their toolbox. Ms. Lopez and Mr. Law presented the ways a ground water conservation easement might look and how it would help conserve ground water. Scot Schaefer stated he felt this Subdistrict would not utilize the program too much. President Shriver stated the ground water easement may be more relevant to some of the other Subdistricts, however, she would like the tool to be available to maintain sustainability.

Attorney's Report

President Shriver asked for the Attorney's report. Pete Ampe updated the Board on the Santa Maria Supreme Court case and stated it went well and should not be too long before the Judge enters a ruling. Mr. Ampe reported on the dozen or so large wells outside of the RGDSS Model boundary west of Del Norte with interest in contracting into the. Discussion was held on Rick Davey's wells and his request to be contracted into the Subdistrict. President Shriver stated the contracts would be considered on a case by case basis. Mr. Ampe reported Judge Swift is retiring and a District Judge from Alamosa County would be appointed. Mr. Ampe also updated the Board on Subdistrict No. 1's new fees.

Program Manager's Report

President Shriver asked for the Program Manager's report. Amber Pacheco provided a financial update and stated she amended it to make it easier to read. Discussion was held on when the Subdistrict would begin to repay the Rio Grande Water Conservation District. Ms. Pacheco presented the balance sheet, the profit and loss statement and the replacement costs. Ms. Pacheco reported an additional three (3) contracts are possible and stated the hope is to contract with them by December.

New Business

President Shriver asked for new business. There was none.

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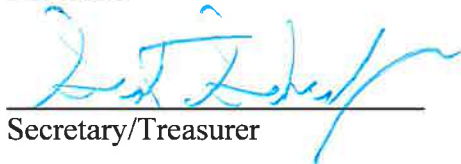
A telephone meeting was scheduled for November 26, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

President Shriver asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Scot Schaefer to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael Schaefer and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer