

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #4  
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
June 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.  
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM  
AND ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE**

**Present:** David Frees, President; Pete Stagner, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Jan Waye, Manager; and Jeremy Uhlenbrock, Manager.

**Absent:** Peggy Godfrey, Ex-Officio Member.

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

**Guests:** David Hofmann, Deb Sarason, Monica McCafferty, Mike Dill, John Gerstle, Dirk Rasmussen, and Dick Sparks.

**Meeting Called to Order**

President Frees called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

President Frees asked for amendments or a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

- Agenda
- March 1, 2022-Quarterly Meeting Minutes
- March 1, 2022-Executive Session Minutes
- April 13, 2022-Special Meeting Minutes
- April 13, 2022-Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made by Pete Stagner to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Jan Waye and unanimously approved.

**Public Comment**

President Frees asked for public comment. There were none.

**Attorney's Report**

President Frees asked for the Attorney's report. Pete Ampe reported working to get the Bowman quarters under lease and complete the conservation easement. He provided an update on how Subdistrict No. 5 was doing with getting their Annual Replacement Plan (ARP) approved. Mr. Ampe reported the other Subdistricts were working to secure permanent water supplies.

**Program Manager's Report**

President Frees asked for the Program Manager's report. Chris Ivers presented the financial report. He highlighted the total due to the District, the checking account balance and the amount that has not been collected from the County. Mr. Ivers presented the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Statement. He highlighted the Subdistricts total assets, a Well Injury Payment that had been made and a payment on the Bowman lease agreement.

A motion was made by Jan Waye to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Pete Stagner and unanimously approved.

**Review and Consider Subleasing Farm Quarters**

President Frees asked for review and consider subleasing farm quarters. Chris Ivers reported receiving two (2) bids to farm the Subdistrict leased quarters. He provided the bid amounts, who the bids came from and the number of quarters for each bid along with what they would like to plant. Discussion was held on the bids and the one that would be best for the Subdistrict. They also discussed the soil nutrients, type of crops to be planted and the fees the Subdistrict would be responsible for in connection with wear and tear/repairs to structural equipment. Dirk Rasmussen presented a map of the pivots being discussed and the concerns with access to the property. He also provided the condition of the stubble on property. Jan Waye and Jeremy Uhlenbrock voiced their concerns with the amount of money being enough to cover the risks as opposed to leaving the fields

fallow. President Frees asked for a motion on the Stagner family bid for three (3) fields at \$5,500.00 each. No motion was made.

A motion was made by Jan Waye to approve the lease of field No. two (2) and field No. four (4). The motion was seconded by Jeremy Uhlenbrock. President Frees stepped out of the Chair and abstained. The motion passed.

President Frees directed the Stagner family to reconsider the proposal and bring it back to the Board for consideration.

#### **Conservation Easement Discussion**

President Frees asked for conservation easement discussion. Chris Ivers asked what the plan will be for the other ten (10) quarters for the summer. He provided the recommendations from the Subdistricts' advisors. President Frees gave a recap of his notes from the last couple of Subdistrict meetings as what has been discussed regarding how to treat the fields. Dick Sparks reported on the ideal planting time of winter rye. His recommendation was to not apply fertilizer, he reported on the largest no till drills in the area and how deep winter rye has to be planted. Staff was directed to request a bid for a contract of no till drill by October. Chris Ivers was given direction to visit with Brady Stagner to see if he would like to revise his bid. Mr. Ivers provided an update on the conservation process. He reported finalizing the agreement and hopes the Board will review it and let him know of any issues. Mr. Ivers highlighted the recommendations from CWCB when the Subdistrict gets ready to submit an application for a loan. Discussion was held on possibly purchasing a well or drilling a well for augmentation purposes.

#### **New Business**

President Frees asked for new business. Pete Stagner asked about the damage to the San Luis Creek channel due to digging near County Road DD.2. Pete Ampe reported he would contact the Division of Water Resources regarding the issue. Chris Ivers explained the groundwater modeler reported Subdistrict No. 4 may owe depletions to Saguache Creek on the next response function. He also reported Subdistrict No. 5 purchased the Hazard Ranch to cover depletions in dry years and are working on solutions for wet years.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

#### **Adjournment**

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 11:34 a.m.

  
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Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer