

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #6
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
November 7, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM
AND BY ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE**

Present: Tyler Faucette, President; Virgil Valdez, Vice-President; Ronald Reinhardt, Secretary/Treasurer; Mario Curto, Manager; Peter Clark, Manager; Rodney Reinhardt, Manager; Kenneth Reynolds, Manager; Gerald Faucette, Manager; and Robert Middlemist, Manager.

Absent: Austin Miller, Manager; and, Armando Valdez, Ex-Officio Member.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Angelo Bellah, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Crystal Benevidez, HCP Coordinator/Program Assistant; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Sally Wier, Virginia Christensen, Stephen Lauer, David Hofmann, William Myers, Lavern Heersink, Haydn Christensen.

Meeting Called to Order

President Faucette called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

President Faucette asked for any amendments or a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Agenda
- August 1, 2023-Special Meeting Minutes
- August 1, 2023- Quarterly Meeting Minutes
- August 1, 2023- Executive Session Minutes
- September 27, 2023- Joint Subdistrict Special Meeting Minutes
- September 27, 2023- Joint Subdistrict Executive Session Minutes
- September 27, 2023- Special Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Faucette asked for public comment. Stephen Lauer introduced himself as CSU's Food and Agriculture Specialist of the Southern region.

Attorney's Report

President Faucette asked for the Attorney's report. Pete Ampe reported on the refilling of the SWAG case and working on various contracts for the purchase of water rights. He updated the Board on the settlement of the Compact litigation TX vs New Mexico/Colorado case. Mr. Ampe highlighted the claims made by Texas and why the Bureau of Reclamation intervened.

Engineers Report-Clinton Phillips

President Faucette asked for the Engineers report. Clinton Phillips presented the Alamosa/La Jara monitoring well update. He reported on the change and presented a graph of the composite water head by feet and the current sustainability requirement. Discussion was held on how many years the Subdistrict has remaining to meeting the sustainability requirement. They also discussed the CAS stipulations; the matrix and Mr. Phillips presented the pressure head on the wells with data.

Program Manager Update

President Faucette asked for the Program Manager update.

- *Financial Report*

Angelo Bellah presented the Financial Report. He highlighted the reimbursements and expenses covered by the District since the formation of the Subdistrict. Mr. Bellah provided the remaining balance and the total remaining expenses paid by and to the District. He highlighted the assets, liabilities and equities from the Balance Sheet and the income, expenses from the Profit and Loss Statement.

A motion was made to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Angelo Bellah provided an overview of the irrigation season administration. He highlighted the forbearance agreements total acre feet for August, September and October on the Alamosa, Conejos and Rio Grande rivers. Mr. Bellah reported on the extended irrigation season on the Rio Grande and on the importance of forbearance agreements. He provided an update on the conversations being held with the US Fish and Wildlife regarding forbearance on the Chicago Ditch and reported on the reservoir account balances. The Board discussed and agreed to use the Taos valley water for winter time depletions. Mr. Bellah provided an update on the Esperanza Farms participation contract and asked the Board for their thoughts on possibly installing a recharge pond. He also updated the Board on the progressing SWSP's.

Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice Regarding Negotiations for the Lease/Purchase of Real Property

President Faucette asked for a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice regarding negotiations for the lease/purchase of real property. A motion was made at 2:42 p.m. to enter into executive session to receive legal advice regarding negotiations for the lease/purchase of real property. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4) to receive legal advice regarding negotiations for the lease/purchase of real property and the Board would take no formal action or position during the executive session

Direction for Staff

President Faucette asked for direction for staff. There was none.

Next Meeting

A special meeting was scheduled for November 20, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

The annual meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer