

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #4
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
June 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
By Zoom/Teleconference**

Present by Telephone: David Frees, President; Pete Stagner, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Richard Blumenhein, Manager; Jan Waye, Manager; and Peggy Godfrey, Ex-Officio Member.

Staff and Consultants by Telephone: Pete Ampe, Hill and Robbins, P.C.; Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Michael Carson, Data Base Administrator; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason, Jeremy Uhlenbroch, David Hofmann and John Mattingly.

Meeting Called to Order

President Frees called the meeting to order at 9:23 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 3, 2020- Quarterly Meeting Minutes
- April 6, 2020-Special Meeting Minutes
- May 11, 2020-Special Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Pete Stagner to approve the agenda as presented and table the approval of the three (3) sets of meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by David Frees and unanimously approved

Attorney's Report

President Frees asked for the Attorney's Report. Pete Ampe reported the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board of Directors approved their Plan of Water Management, comments were filed and there were no protests or objections. Mr. Ampe explained the process challengers would need to follow to formally file an objection. Peggy Godfrey requested a copy of the Englert's comments to be forwarded to the Board of Managers. President Frees asked if the Englert's were going to file any type of opposition, Pete Ampe reported what they submitted were just comments not objections.

Program Manager's Report

President Frees asked for the Program Manager's report. Chris Ivers presented the financial statements including the profit and loss statement. Mr. Ivers reported the amount the Subdistrict owes to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District from the date of formation until now. Mr. Ivers updated the Board on a Well Injury Payment letter he is preparing to send to surface water owners. President Frees asked what entities are wanting to contract into the Subdistrict, which Mr. Ivers provided. President Frees reported on a conversation he had with Jerry Berry regarding a Well Injury Payment contract and asked Mr. Ivers about the timeline of him sending out his letter.

Discussion on Well Injury Payment Agreements

President Frees asked for the discussion on Well Injury Payment Agreements. President Frees reported further on his conversation with Jerry Berry and Kiana Creek Holdings who were favoring signing a Well Injury Payment contract. President Frees also reported on his conversations with Gaylen Meyers, John, Carol and Lee Wagner who were also in favor of signing a Well Injury Payment contract. President Frees stated he spoke with Jeff Dragos, Abby Hutchinson, and Lee Ridgley who said they would get back to the Board after they review the contract. Pete Stagner reported on his conversation with John Albert, Wayne Loomis, Shellabarger's, Steve McDowell, Tom McCracken and Bob Bunker, all who would get in touch with the Board after they had a chance to review the contracts. Mr. Stagner stated he felt they could be successful in securing Well Injury Payment contracts. President Frees reported reaching out to Cynthia Regan and is waiting on a call back. Discussion was held on Ron

Bowman signing a Well Injury Payment contract for \$2.00 per acre ft. President Frees reported his ranch is in favor of signing a Well Injury Payment contract and asked the Board of Managers if they would be willing to sign a contract. Pete Stagner reported his ranch may be willing to sign a contract. Richard Blumenhein and Jeremy Uhlenbrock reported they also feel they would sign a Well Injury Payment contract. Mr. Ivers was given direction to prepare the Well Injury Payment contracts. Mr. Frees reported on the importance of getting the contracts at a reasonable cost. Mr. Ampe explained why the name changed from forbearance agreements to Well Injury Payment contracts.

General Board Discussions

President Frees asked for the general Board discussions. Discussion was held on including Subdistrict No. 5 on the conversations of the development of dual Well Injury Payment contracts to combine both Subdistricts into one single contract. Discussion was held on the repayment plan of Subdistrict No. 4 to the District Board as well as the budget deadline for 2021. John Mattingly commented on mailing a letter to the agriculture community and the effect it will have on reaching the surface water owners. Peggy Godfrey suggested a newspaper announcement in newspapers around the Valley to provide an update on what the Subdistrict is working to accomplish. Discussion was held on the Fish and Wildlife contract and how to move forward. Ms. Godfrey requested the notice of meetings and the financial documents be emailed to the Board of Managers sooner ahead than when they have been receiving them. A brief discussion was held on the timeline of in person meetings and how well Zoom meetings are working.

New Business

President Frees asked if there were any new court filings from the water export and asked for any other new business. Mr. Ampe reported there was no new movement from the water export group.

Next Meeting

A special meeting will be scheduled in July. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Richard Blumenhein to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Pete Stagner and unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer