

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #5
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
January 14, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: David Schmittel, President; George Whitten, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Dale Gerstberger, Manager; and Kit Caldon, Manager.

Absent : Corey Hill, Manager; and Doug Gunnels, Ex Officio Member.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Jessica Valdez, David Hofmann.

Meeting Called to Order

President Schmittel called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

President Schmittel asked for changes, additions or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by George Whitten to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Kit Caldon and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Schmittel asked for public comment. There was none.

Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice Concerning the Purchase or Lease of Real Property

President Schmittel announced the Board did not need to enter into executive session.

Discussion and Possible Action-State Land Board Lease

President Schmittel asked for a discussion and possible action on the State Land Board Lease. Chris Ivers presented the lease contract. Pete Ampe highlighted the State Land Boards ability to sell the land. He described the complicated process they would have to go through to dispose of property. George Whitten added how encumbrances go with the property should the State Land Board decide to sell the land.

A motion was made by Kit Caldon to approve the State Land Board Lease. The motion was seconded by George Whitten and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ivers gave an update on the pump test done by Cooper on the Sheppherd well.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is January 21, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.



President

Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer