ANNUAL/QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #5

OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

April 17, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room** Alamosa, Colorado 81101

Present: David Schmittel, President; George Whitten, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Cory Hill, Manager; Kit Caldon, Manager; Dale Gertsberger, Manager; and Peggy Godfrey, Ex-Officio Member.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Chris Ivers, Deputy Program Manager; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Mary Enerquist, Richard Lawrence

Meeting Called to Order

President Schmittel called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Consent Agenda Including Minutes-January 16, 2019 and February 13,

President Schmittel asked for amendments or a motion to approve the consent agenda items. A motion was made by George Whitten to approve the consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Dale Gertsberger and unanimously approved.

Election of Officers

President Schmittel asked for the election of officers. Pete Ampe stated a motion to keep all officers as they are would be acceptable. A motion was made by George Whitten to keep all officers the same. The motion was seconded by Kit Caldon and unanimously approved.

Attorney's Report

President Schmittel asked for the Attorney's Report. Pete Ampe updated the Board on the Rules Case and stated the appeal time had not passed. Mr. Ampe stated three (3) Annual Replacement Plans were filed and stated this Subdistrict needed to finish up its Plan of Water Management. Discussion was held on the deadline of the Plan of Water Management. Mr. Ampe provided the Board with the order of events to come; first get the Plan of Water Management and Rules and Regulations approved; then get sources of remedy, including forbearance agreements and wet water; and, then staff will get the Annual Replacement Plan completed.

Program Manager's Report

President Schmittel asked for the Program Manager's Report. Amber Pacheco provided the financial update including a tally of all expenses from the date of formation. Ms. Pacheco stated the District has been taking care of the expenses until this Subdistrict has a revenue. Ms. Pacheco also went over the profit/loss statement for this year.

Review and Edit the Draft Plan of Water Management

President Schmittel asked for discussion on the draft Plan of Water Management revisions. Amber Pacheco highlighted each edit that was made to the Plan and asked the Board for their comments and questions. Ms. Pacheco stated there were not too many changes since the last meeting. A discussion was held on sustainability and the surface water credit portion of the Plan of Water Management. The Board granted staff permission to continue to research water inquiries. Ms. Pacheco provided the Board with a simple scenario for a budget of replacements and explained the fee process.

Discussion on Replacement Sources for Saguache and San Luis Creeks

President Schmittel asked for the discussion on replacement sources for Saguache and San Luis Creeks. Amber Pacheco presented a spreadsheet on the Saguache Response Area monthly stream depletions for the 2019 year. Ms. Pacheco explained the process of running the response function. Discussion was held on the meaning of a forbearance agreement and how to reach out



to the public to provide them with a better understanding. Several discussions were held on possible replacement sources including the possibility of constructing a reservoir and/or pipeline.

New Business

President Schmittel asked for new business. There were none.

Next Meeting

A Special Meeting was scheduled for May 15, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. The next regularly scheduled Quarterly Meeting will be on July 24, 2019.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

President

Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer

