

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
June 3, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101
And By Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: LeRoy Salazar, President; Nathan Coombs, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Warren Crowther, Manager; Ruben Sandoval, Manager; Doug Bagwell, Manager; and, Dwight Martin, Ex-Officio Member

Absent: Sam Vance, Manager.

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

Guests: Deb Sarason, Monica McCafferty, Tracy Kosloff, Austin Malotte, Ron Reinhardt, Darren Schepp, Karla Shriver, Michael Saylor, Jason Lorenz, Alison Keener, Jay Yeager, Mark Deacon, Ted Heersink, and Kevin Boyle.

Meeting Called to Order

President Salazar called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Doug Bagwell led the opening prayer.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

President Salazar asked for approval of the consent agenda items:

- Agenda
- February 26, 2021-Special Meeting Minutes
- March 4, 2021-Annual Meeting Minutes
- March 4, 2021-Executive Session Minutes
- March 24, 2021-Special Meeting Minutes
- March 24, 2021-Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Warren Crowther and unanimously approved.

Request to BOM for Metering Variance-Chey Yund, Subdistrict Member

President Salazar asked for a presentation of the request for a metering variance from Chey Yund, Subdistrict member. Mr. Yund explained to the Board why he was requesting a metering variance on two (2) fields for one (1) year. Amber Pacheco highlighted what the Division of Water Resources may require.

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the split based on acreage for one (1) year. The motion was seconded by Ruben Sandoval and unanimously approved.

Summary of ATM Concepts presented by Mike Saylor and Austin Malotte of BBA Water Consultants, Inc.

President Salazar asked Mike Saylor and Austin Malotte of BBA Water Consultants, Inc. to present on the summary of ATM concepts they had prepared for the Subdistricts. President Salazar introduced the topics and highlighted what would be discussed. Mike Saylor introduced himself and gave a brief overview of what ATM stands for and how the Subdistricts could have greater efficiencies if they all work together. He highlighted the number of depletions caused by the Subdistricts and the amount of replacement water needed. Austin Malotte highlighted a few of the current projects and the next steps. He also spoke about the importance of taking action now the Subdistricts have been approved for grant funding.

Public Comment

President Salazar asked for public comment. Marisa Fricke reported on a Master Irrigators Program,. She reported she will be working with a committee to put curriculum together to offer additional education to next generation farmers.

Attorney's Report

President Salazar asked for the attorney's report. Pete Ampe reported his firm was busy working on contracts and SWSP's. Mr. Ampe reported he had not been following the proposed ATM legislation, however, Cleave Simpson is, as well as the District's lobbyist, Becky Brooks, if there is anything the Subdistrict would want to know specifically.

Program Manager's Report

President Salazar asked for the Program Manager's report.

- **Financial Report:** Amber Pacheco presented the financial report. She discussed the amount due to Rio Grande Water Conservation District tracking, the balance sheet, the remaining accounts receivable balance, and the profit and loss sheet. Ms. Pacheco reported on the water lease option that was entered into earlier this year on the El Coda Ditch and also on the water from from Expo, LLC.

A motion was made by Warren Crowther to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded Ruben Sandoval and unanimously approved.

- **ARP Operation Update:** Amber Pacheco provided the Board with an operations update including where they ended the year with forbearance agreements. Nathan Coombs requested a list of the forbearance agreements they do not have and need to continue to try to secure. Ms. Pacheco provided the total amount paid on forbearance bonuses as well as the number of days water was released per river.

Discussion on Subdistrict Replacement Water Options and Next Steps

President Salazar asked for discussion on Subdistrict replacement water options and next steps. Amber Pacheco reported on the sense of urgency to look into ATM projects, fallow programs, leasing augmentation water and the potential opportunities to purchase land. Ms. Pacheco highlighted the thought of ditches moving away from doing forbearance agreements and the need of getting longer term forbearance agreements.

Executive Session

President Salazar asked for a motion to enter into executive session concerning the purchase of real property. A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Warren Crowther and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(a) to discuss a potential purchase of real property. The Board would take no formal action or position during the executive session.

Action on Executive Session Discussion

Pete Ampe stated the Board was in executive session and had voted to come out. Discussion was related to a potential property purchase and no formal action was taken during executive session.

Discussion on 2021 Budget Needs

President Salazar asked for discussion on 2021 budget needs. Amber Pacheco provided the estimated calculations for the 2021 estimated projects and total committed budgeted. Discussion was held on the potential need to add additional legal and engineering charges to the budget as needed.

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to submit a budget to include a purchase analysis that was discussed in executive session from BBA pending approval. The motion was seconded by Doug Bagwell and unanimously approved.

Direction for Staff

Direction was given to meet with other well owners and the other Subdistricts in order to keep moving forward.

New Business

President Salazar asked for new business. There was none.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting was scheduled for September 9, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer