

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
July 14, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101
And by Zoom Teleconference**

Present: Brian Brownell, President; Clay Mitchell, Secretary/Treasurer; Jamie Hart, BOM; Miguel A. Diaz, BOM; Sheldon Rockey, BOM; Tony Holcomb, BOM; Jake Burris, BOM; James Cooley, BOM; and, Mike Kruse, Ex-Officio Member.

Absent: Carla Worley, Vice-President; and Chris Miner, BOM.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Marisa Fricke, Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason, David Hofmann, Steve Keller, Brian Rue, Andrea Rue, Ross Rierson, Rob Phillips, Dale Barte, Joseph Stanoch, Dee Greeman.

Meeting Called to Order

President Brownell called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. A quorum was present, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. President Brownell thanked Marisa Fricke for her time and dedication as the Program Manager of Subdistrict No. 1.

Approval of the Agenda

President Brownell asked for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Jamie Hart to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Rockey and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Brownell asked for public comment. Brian Rue thanked Marisa Fricke for her time as Program Manager of Subdistrict No. 1.

Discussion and Possible Action on Plan of Water Management No. 4

President Brownell asked for discussion and possible action on Plan of Water Management No. 4 (POWM No. 4). Marisa Fricke presented the latest draft version of the Plan of Water Management No. 4. She reported discussing terminology and receiving other feedback from the Division of Water Resources. Ms. Fricke emphasized the helpful information received from Craig Cotten and Kevin Rein. She highlighted different locations in the POWM No. 4 that discussed territory and the need for consistency. Ms. Fricke highlighted the section where goals are described and explained what the Subdistrict is striving to achieve. She reported nothing changed as far as the processes or dollar amounts in Section 4, just clean up on how things are charged. Discussion was held on the five-year average once the aquifer recovers and not lowering the water value. Mike Kruse highlighted the sections he felt should be omitted from the POWM No. 4)

A motion was made by Jake Burris to strike out 3.4.7 and 4.2.5.5 from the draft Plan of Water Management No. 4.

Discussion was held on the authority of the Board to lower the water value. Jake Burris withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Jake Burris to modify 4.2.5.5 to clearly state the Board of Managers cannot ever lower the water value even after sustainability is achieved. The motion was seconded by Jamie Hart.

Sheldon Rockey explained why he would be opposed to the motion.

The motion was voted on, Sheldon Rockey, Miguel Diaz and James Cooley voted no, Brian Brownell, Jake Burris, Tony Holcomb, Clay Mitchell and Jamie Hart voted yes. The motion passed.

Marisa Fricke reported Clinton Phillips and Wylie Keller were working on the Appendix 2 calculations and would ask them to present at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Jake Burris to approve the Plan of Water Management No. 4. The motion was seconded by Clay Mitchell and unanimously approved.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Offer to Sell Medano House

President Brownell asked for discussion and possible action regarding offer to sell the Medano House. Marisa Fricke reported how long the house was on the market, the listed price, the name of the person that made an offer and the amount of the offer. Discussion was held on the number of acres and amount of Farmers Union water that are included with the house.

A motion was made by Miguel Diaz to approve the offer of \$160,000.00 to sell the Medano house. The motion was seconded by James Cooley and unanimously approved.

Cleave Simpson announced a supplemental budget may need to be done.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Sheldon Rockey asked for the next steps in hiring a new Program Manager. Cleave Simpson reported on the avenues the Distirct is taking to fill the Program Manager position. President Brownell directed Mr. Rockey to take the lead on holding a budget work session.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer