

**RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING
July 16, 2019 at 7:30 A.M.
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM**

Present: Greg Higel, President; Brian David, Vice-President; Dwight Martin, Secretary/
Treasurer; Peggy Godfrey, Director; Mike McClure, Director; Cory Off, Director; Bill McClure,
Director; Armando Valdez, Director and Mike Kruse, Director.

Staff and Consultants: David Robbins, Hill & Robbins. P.C.; Cleave Simpson, General
Manager; Cheryl Anderson, Office Manager; Clinton Phillips, District Engineer; Allen Davey,
District Engineer; Chris Ivers, Deputy Program Manager; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager;
Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Tim Carden, HCP Coordinator/Program Assistant;
Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Kevin Rein, Craig Cotton, Judy Lopez, Sean Tonner, Donald Valdez, Mario Curto, Jake
Burris, Brian Brownell, Tony Holcomb, Sheldon Rockey, Clay Mitchell, Carla Worley, Deb
Sarason, David Hofmann, Chris Schaefer, Jeff McCullough, Chris Miner, Jamie Hart, Asier
Artaechevarria, Allen Law, Ernie Myers, Willie Myers.

CALL TO ORDER

President Greg Higel called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was
recited. There was a quorum present for the meeting.

APPROVE AGENDA

President Higel asked to move the recognition of guests and special guest Kevin Rein to after the
executive session. Cleave Simpson added San Luis Valley Federal Bank proxy under manager's
report. President Higel asked for any other changes or additions to the agenda. A motion was
made by Cory Off to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Peggy
Godfrey and unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Higel asked for a motion to go into executive session. A motion was made by Peggy
Godfrey to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Cory Off and unanimously
approved.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board was in executive session and voted to come out. There were no actions or formal
votes taken and the only matter discussed was related to a potential real estate transaction.

APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

President Higel asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items:

- April 12, 2019-Special Meeting minutes
- April 12, 2019-Executive Session minutes
- April 16, 2019-Quarterly Meeting minutes

A motion was made by Cory Off to approve the consent agenda items. The motion was seconded
Armando Valdez and unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Higel asked for the Financial report. Cleave Simpson presented the Board with the
Financial Statements for the month of June which included the Profit and Loss Statement, Check
Register, Balance Sheets for Subdistricts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 as well as a Bank Statement sheet
which showed the balance in all of the checking accounts through the end of June.

A motion was made by Dwight Martin to accept the Financial Report as presented. The motion
was seconded by Cory Off and unanimously approved.

MANAGER’S REPORT

President Higel asked for the Manager’s report. Mr. Simpson reported on and presented the following:

- ***Consider approval for tuition reimbursement-*** Cleave Simpson reported April Mondragon submitted a request for tuition reimbursement to pursue an Associate’s Degree in Business from Trinidad State Junior College. Mr. Simpson stated he supports Ms. Mondragon’s request and is required to get Board approval by the Employee Handbook.

A motion was made by Peggy Godfrey to approved tuition reimbursement for April Mondragon. The motion was seconded by Cory Off and unanimously approved.

- ***Consider Board of Manager appointment for Subdistrict No. 4.-***Cleave Simpson stated Subdistrict No. 4 Board of Managers has a vacancy and Pete Stagner has submitted a letter of interest to serve on the Board.

A motion was made by Peggy Godfrey to appoint Pete Stagner to the Board of Managers of Subdistrict No. 4. The motion was seconded by Cory Off and unanimously approved.

- ***Reorganization of San Luis Valley Bank-*** Cleave Simpson reported on the process San Luis Valley Federal Bank is going through for reorganization and the effect on the District.

A motion was made by Peggy Godfrey to vote in favor of San Luis Valley Federal reorganization. Bill McClure and Armando Valdez request further information prior to a vote. Mr. Simpson stated he will organize a special meeting with Duane Bussey the President of the bank for further explanation and discussions. David Robbins said he would look into the legal structure and suggested the decision be tabled and have a publicly noticed conference call in the near future to formally vote. Peggy Godfrey rescinded her motion.

A motion was made by Bill McClure to table the matter in order to obtain further information. The motion was seconded by Armando Valdez and unanimously approved.

Mr. Simpson provided the intent of the Work Session to take place the remainder of the day with State Engineer Kevin Rein.

President Higel thanked Mr. Simpson for his report.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF & GUESTS

President Higel welcomed all those present and asked for introductions.

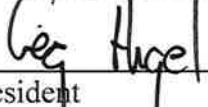
PUBLIC COMMENT

President Higel asked for Public Comment. There was no public comment.


ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

The next scheduled quarterly meeting will be held on October 15, 2019.



President



Secretary/Treasurer