

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #6
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
May 14, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101
And By Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: Tyler Faucette, President; Virgil Valdez, Vice-President; Ronald Reinhardt, Secretary/Treasurer; Mario Curto, Manager; Rodney Reinhardt, Manager; Peter Clark, Manager; Gerald Faucette, Manager; and, Virginia Christensen, Manager

Absent: Austin Miller, Manager; Robert Middlemist, Manager; and, Armando Valdez, Ex-Officio Member.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Angelo Bellah, Program Manager; Amber Pacheco, Deputy General Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and, Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering.

Guests: Vern Heersink, Chris Shaffer, Jessica Valdez, Michelle Lanzoni, Mike Saylor.

Meeting Called to Order

President Faucette called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ronald Reinhardt led the opening prayer.

Approval of the Agenda

President Faucette asked for changes/amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

President Faucette asked for any changes/amendments or a motion to approve the consent agenda items:

- February 3, 2025-Joint Special Meeting Minutes with Subdistrict No. 3
- February 7, 2025-Joint Special Meeting Minutes with Subdistrict No. 2
- February 7, 2025-Executive Session Minutes
- February 12, 2025-Annual Meeting Minutes
- February 12, 2025-Executive Session Minutes
- March 19, 2025-Special Meeting Minutes
- April 2, 2025-Joint Special Meeting Minutes with Subdistrict No. 3
- April 10, 2025-Special Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Faucette asked for public comment. There was none.

Attorney's Report

President Faucette asked for the Attorney's report. Pete Ampe reported on the approval of the Annual Replacement Plan (ARP) and the next steps in connection with the RGDSS Phase 8 model. He also provided an update on the Texas vs New Mexico/Colorado case.

Engineer's Report-Clinton Phillips

President Faucette asked for the Engineer's report. Clinton Phillips presented the Subdistrict No. 6 Alamosa/La Jara Monitoring Wells map. He provided an update on the change compared to the 2015 baseline and presented the individual hydrographs.

Program Manager's Report

President Faucette asked for the Program Manager's report.

- *Financial Report*

Angelo Bellah went over the formation costs, reimbursements, expenses and balance remaining to the District. He presented the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Statement. Mr. Bellah highlighted the assets, liabilities, equity and the miscellaneous expenses. Discussion was held on the

steps being taken to clear up the discrepancies with assessed evaluations and tax notices from Conejos and Rio Grande counties.

A motion was made to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

- Update on 2025 Annual Replacement Plan Operations

Angelo Bellah gave a water accounting and portfolio update. He highlighted the forbearance agreements on the Rio Grande, Alamosa, and Conejos Rivers. Mr. Bellah went over the current reservoir account balances and reported on the submission/approval of the Preliminary Water Report and ARP. He provided an update on the 2025 ARP irrigation season projects and operation of the SLVIWO Taos Valley No. 3 water, the Los Sauces SWSP and the Alamosa Creek Canal SWSP.

- 2026 ARP Projects

Mr. Bellah reported on the ongoing discussions and next steps regarding the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services Participation contract for the 2026 ARP. Discussion was held on how to place a value on the water to be transferred to the Subdistrict from CPW/BLM/FWS. President Faucette asked that a work session be set and a committee be formed in order work through the project and move toward getting a contract for 2026 finalized. Mr. Bellah provided an update on the Monte Vista Canal ATM/SWSP and the Alamosa River CWSA. The Board discussed whether or not to continue to pursue for 2026.

RGDSS Phase 7 Model Update

President Faucette asked for RGDSS Phase 7 model update. Angelo Bellah reported the comment period had ended and one letter of opposition had been submitted to the Division of Water Resources (DWR). He highlighted the work being done to perfect the Response Functions and reported on the review of the model done by BBA. Mr. Bellah explained due to the latest model run the Subdistrict could potentially have replacement obligations to La Jara Creek once Phase 7 is implemented. Mike Saylor introduced himself and provided the history of BBA working with the RGDSS model, highlighted the review process timeline and presented a comparison of the last few years depletions vs an estimate of what the Subdistrict could expect to owe in the future. He reported on the continued discussions regarding where the depletions to La Jara Creek occur and where replacements would need to be made.

Real Property, Water Right Leases/Purchases

President Faucette asked for real property, water right leases/purchases.

- 2 Wells Owned by Mr. Joseph Valdez

Angelo Bellah reported having no new information or the two (2) wells owned by Mr. Valdez

- City of Monte Vista's Anderson Ditch Water

Mr. Bellah reported on an offer to purchase 150 acre feet of Anderson Ditch water from the City of Monte Vista. He described how the split was made last year between Subdistrict No. 2 and 6 and reported Subdistrict No. 2 agreed to make the same split as last year.

A motion was made to approve/accept the purchase and split the water as done last year with Subdistrict No. 2. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

- Canon Ditch Shares

Mr. Bellah reported on an opportunity to purchase 120 Canon Ditch shares owned by Mr. Gallegos. Discussion was held on possibly securing a permanent forbearance agreement and the amount of CU associated with the water right. President Faucette requested an analysis be completed on the number of days the Canon Ditch is paid forbearance, the rate of the forbearance and whether or not the ditch is incorporated.

Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice Regarding Negotiations for the Lease/Purchase of Real Property

President Faucette asked for a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice regarding negotiations for the lease/purchase of real property. A motion was made to enter into executive session to receive legal advice regarding negotiations for the lease/purchase of real property. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4) to receive legal advice regarding negotiations for the lease/purchase of real property and the Board would take no formal action or position during the executive session

Possible Action Following Executive Session

President Faucette asked for possible action following executive session. There was none.

Direction for Staff

President Faucette asked for direction for Staff. Staff was directed to set up a special meeting with Mark Deacon and Subdistrict No. 2 and continue with the forbearance analysis on the Canon Ditch.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer