

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3 AND
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #6
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

February 3, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

8805 Independence Way

Alamosa, CO 81101

And By Zoom/Teleconference

Present Subdistrict No. 3 Board of Managers: LeRoy Salazar, President; Nathan Coombs, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Warren Crowther, Manager; Doug Bagwell, Manager; Ruben Sandoval, Manager; Sam Vance, Manager; and, Elliott Salazar, Ex-Officio Member.

Present Subdistrict No. 6 Board of Managers: Tyler Faucette, President; Virgil Valdez, Vice-President; Ronald Reinhardt, Secretary/Treasurer; Robert Middlemist, Manager; Austin Miller, Manager; and, Mario Curto, Manager;

Absent: Rodney Reinhardt, Manager; Virginia Christensen, Manager; Gerald Faucette, Manager; Peter Clark, Manager; and, Armando Valdez, Ex-Officio Member.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C; Angelo Bellah, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Quinton Norris, Program Manager; April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and, Michael Carson, Database Administrator.

Guests: Michelle Lanzoni, Monty Smith, Jason Lorenz, Mel Lucero, and Greg Higel.

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda-Subdistrict No. 6

Angelo Bellah asked for changes, additions 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 Agenda-Subdistrict No. 3

Angelo Bellah asked for changes, additions or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Leroy Salazar to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ruben Sandoval and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Angelo Bellah asked for public comment. There was none.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Los Sauces SWSP Operations

Angelo Bellah asked for discussion and possible action regarding Los Sauces SWSP operations. He reported submitting the SWSP and explained another option that was added in connection with operations and administration of the SWSP. Mr. Bellah highlighted a meeting held on site with David Hofmann from Division of Water Resources (DWR). He also reported on a meeting held with Angela Maestas, Toby Willett, the ditch rider and a few shareholders of the Los Sauces ditch. Mr. Bellah went over the terms provided by Ms. Maestas to allow the Subdistricts to install the infrastructure on her property. Discussion was held on how to manage the situation/compensation if no water comes in, and how to keep Ms. Maestas satisfied. Jason Lorenz explained the pros and cons of each potential location of the Los Sauces ditch augmentation station. Sam Vance voiced concern with signing a long-term agreement with Ms. Maestas until the SWSP goes through water court. Mr. Lorenz described what the court case would determine. Ruben Sandoval suggested purchasing a right of way on Ms. Maestas' property in order to acquire access to the equipment. He further explained the amount of water is irrelevant and should not determine the payment amount.

A motion was made by Sam Vance to agree to pay Angela Maestas \$5,000 per year for the privilege of a right of way, for the duration of the SWSP. The motion was seconded by Nathan Coombs and unanimously approved by Subdistrict No. 3 Board of Managers.

A motion was made by Ronald Reinhardt to ratify the motion made by Subdistrict No. 3 to agree to pay Angela Maestas \$5,000 per year for the privilege of a right of way, for the duration of the SWSP. The motion was seconded by Virgil Valdez and unanimously approved by Subdistrict No. 6 Board of Managers.

Monty Smith reported the Trinchera was in favor with the motions as stated. Jason Lorenz agreed.

Direction for Staff

Angelo Bellah asked for direction for staff. President Faucette directed Mr. Bellah to present the offer to Angela Maestas.

President Salazar reported on an offer from a shareholder for 15.2 shares of San Luis Valley Irrigation Well Owners (SLVIWO) water and the idea of the Subdistrict owning the water rather than individuals. Monty Smith reported introducing the idea to the Trinchera Board, who were in favor. He highlighted some of the foreseeable issues the attorneys may bring forth. Discussion was held on buying out the San Luis Valley Irrigation Well Owners and the process to get it accomplished. Sam Vance provided the history and reasons the San Luis Valley Irrigation Well Owners was formed.

Next Meeting

The next Subdistrict No. 3 annual meeting was scheduled for March 6, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.
The next Subdistrict No. 6 annual meeting was scheduled for February 12, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer