

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
June 19, 2019, 1:30 p.m.
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room
Alamosa, Colorado 81101**

Present: Brian Brownell, President; Carla Worley, Vice-President; Jake Burris Secretary/Treasurer; Jamie Hart, BOM; Miguel A. Diaz, BOM; Sheldon Rockey, BOM; Clay Mitchell, BOM; Chris Miner, BOM; Tony Holcomb, BOM; Asier Artaechevarria, BOM; and Brian David, Ex-Officio.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Marisa Fricke, Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Tim Carden, HCP Coordinator/Program Assistant; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Mike Kruse, Les Alderete, Deb Sarason, William Myers, Dee Greeman, John Slane, Dave Newmyer, Erin Minks, Kent Palmgren and Margaret Trujillo.

Meeting Called to Order

President Brownell called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes: June 4, 2019 Special Meeting

President Brownell asked for changes or a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jamie Hart requested a change and Clay Mitchell asked for the spelling of his last name be corrected. A motion was made Jamie Hart to approve the minutes with the changes. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Rockey and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Brownell asked for public comment. There were none.

Program Manager Report

President Brownell asked for the Program Manager report.

- A. Property Management Update- Marisa Fricke reported receiving a survey quote from Davis Engineering on the Medano property and provided the Board with the estimated costs.

A motion was made by Sheldon Rockey to approve the quote from Davis Engineering for the survey and move forward to the planning commission. The motion was seconded by Jamie Hart and unanimously approved.

Ms. Fricke provided the current condition and status of the property. Discussion was held on a potential cover crop and the upkeep of the property as well as how to keep the weeds under control.

Action Items:

A. ***Discussion on Inclusion Contracts:***

- Pelotas Farm-Hilario and Jose Martinez and Cloud Co Farms-Luke Johnson: Marisa Fricke provided the details of the Pelotas Farm and Cloud Co Farms requests to contract with Subdistrict No. 1. Pete Ampe suggested further verification information as well as classification information is needed on both farms prior to a decision.

- B. ***Well Permit Offer:*** President Brownell stated more criteria is needed prior to proceeding well permit purchasing. Pete Ampe suggested establishing a Surface Water Purchase Policy

C. **Appeals:** Marisa Fricke clarified for the record the appeal deadline is July 1st. Ms. Fricke also provided the details of each appeal:

- Hooper Ridge Farms
- Terry Chiles
- Pepper

A motion was made by Carla Worley to accept all three (3) appeals. The motion was seconded by Tony Holcomb and unanimously approved.

D. **CREP:** Ms. Fricke provided an update on the CREP program, as well as potential and pending contracts. Discussion was held on raising the CREP one-time sign-up incentive.

A motion was made by Carla Worley to approve the 2019 CREP Incentive Flow Chart as Marisa Fricke presented with changes. The motion was seconded by Asier Artachevarria and unanimously approved.

E. **2020 Variable Fee:** Ms. Fricke outlined the specific timelines associated with the notice when raising the variable fee and holding a Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Jamie Hart to hold the Public Meeting to discuss the Variable Fee on Wednesday July 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Tony Holcomb and unanimously approved.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Sheldon Rockey to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Tony Holcomb and unanimously approved.

Action on Executive Session Discussions

Pete Ampe stated the Board was in executive session and had voted to come out. Discussion was related to a potential purchase or lease of water rights and legal questions regarding ongoing litigation.

New Business

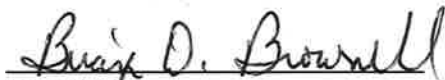
President Brownell reported the Board had decided not to move forward with the offer from Dave Newmyer.

Next Meeting

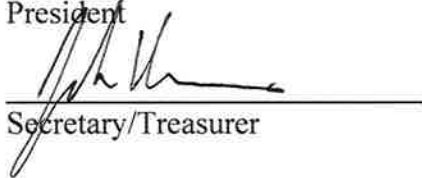
Marisa Fricke reported the next meeting will be on July 16, 2019 with the State Engineer as well as an all Boards meeting. President Brownell announced the Public Hearing will be held on July 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The next Quarterly meeting is September 3, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer