

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #4
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
June 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: David Frees, President; Pete Stagner, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Jan Waye, Manager; Jeff Regenold, Manager; Jennifer Rodriguez, Manager; and, Peggy Godfrey, Ex-Officio Member.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill and Robbins, P.C.; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant; Quinton Norris, Program Manager; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; and, Michael Carson, Database Administrator.

Guests: Jessica Valdez, David Hofmann, Dick Sparks, William Myers, Ryan Smith.

Meeting Called to Order

President Frees called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. There was a quorum present for the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

President Frees asked for amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Pete Stagner to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Regenold and unanimously approved.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

President Frees asked for amendments or approval of the consent agenda items:

- March 4, 2025-Quarterly Meeting Minutes
- April 11, 2025-Special Meeting Minutes
- May 1, 2025-Special Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Pete Stagner to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Jan Waye and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Frees asked for public comment. There was none.

Attorney's Report

President Frees asked for the Attorney's report. Pete Ampe reported on the submission and approval of all the Subdistrict Annual Replacement Plans (ARP). He commented on the early release of the new response functions and provided an update on the Texas vs New Mexico and Colorado US Supreme Court case.

District Engineer's Report-Clinton Phillips

Clinton Phillips was not in attendance, a written copy of his report was provided to the Board.

Program Manager's Report

President Frees asked for the Program Manager's report.

- **Financial Report**

Chris Ivers presented the financial report. He went over the remaining expenses due to the District, the current checking account balance, assessments receivables, total assets, and total liabilities. Mr. Ivers presented the Profit and Loss statement. He highlighted the Well Injury Payment (WIP) totals for 2024 and Colorado Open Lands and NRCS ability to reimburse the Subdistrict for revegetation costs.

A motion was made by Jan Waye to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Regenold and unanimously approved.

- **Revegetation Update and Discussion**

Chris Ivers presented a map and reminded the Board of the fields they planned to revegetate and highlighted which fields the lessee would like to lease. Dick Sparks explained why field 15 would be the toughest to get established and reported not having a preference on which fields to revegetate this year.

A motion was made by Jan Waye to approve the switch of fields as described. The motion was seconded by Pete Stagner. David Frees abstained. The motion passed.

Mr. Ivers reported on another concern regarding the possibility of needing to replant some of the other fields. Mr. Sparks updated the Board on what had been planted and the status of the growth. Discussion was held on the seed mix to be planted and what type of vegetation to avoid.

Presentation on Airborne Electromagnetic Survey and Request for Support-Ryan Smith

President Frees asked for the presentation on Airborne Electromagnetic Survey and request for support. Ryan Smith introduced himself. He went over his background in hydro geophysics and reported on his plan to submit for a grant from CWCB. Mr. Smith gave an overview on what he is proposing to do and how it works. Mr. Smith explained how the survey may be useful to the San Luis Valley and described some of the work that has already been done. He went over where some of the funding would come from as well as the match amount needed. Discussion was held on the potential locations of the survey and what the deliverables would be.

A motion was made by Pete Stagner to provide a letter of support for Ryan's proposal and to study funding for the 2026 budget as part of setting and contemplating the Plan of Water Management. The motion was seconded by Jan Waye and unanimously approved.

Discuss RGDSS Groundwater Model Phase 7 Updates and Response Function Workbooks

President Frees asked for a discussion on the RGDSS Groundwater Model Phase 7 updates and response function workbooks. Chris Ivers reported on the engagement of the Division of Water Resources (DWR) with the Peer Review Team (PRT) to update the RGDSS Groundwater Model from Phase 6 to Phase 7. He explained Phase 7 would be the model used to develop response functions and workbooks. Wylie Keller went over the updates made to the model.

Changes to Calculated Injurious Stream Depletions and Remedies for Phase 7

Mr. Ivers reported and explained the major change for Subdistrict No. 4 of having modeled depletions to Saguache Creek. He also reported on a minor increase on Crestone Creek and higher depletions on San Luis Creek. Mr. Ivers described the remedies in place and being worked on by Subdistrict No. 5. He highlighted the largest challenge to Subdistricts 1, 4 and 5 in wet years to meet their depletions on Saguache Creek. Discussion was held on how the Subdistricts could potentially work together to develop solutions.

New Business

President Frees asked for new business. There was none.

Next Meeting

A special meeting was scheduled for August 5, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.
The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Jeff Regenold to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jan Waye and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer