

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
April 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101
And by Zoom Teleconference**

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

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Marisa Fricke, Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Monica McCafferty, Deb Sarason, Willie Hoffner, Dee Greeman, Chris Lopez, Brian Rue, Asier Artechervaria, David Hofmann, and Mirko Kruse.

Meeting Called to Order

President Brownell called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.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 Miguel Diaz to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Clay Mitchell and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Brownell asked for public comment. There were none.

Review and Possible Approval of Contracts

President Brownell asked for review and possible approval of contracts. Marisa Fricke reported the Board of Managers received a list of WDID's that have requested inclusion into Subdistrict No. 1's 2022 Annual Replacement Plan (ARP). She reported most were commercial wells and provided the total number that would be included in the ARP. Ms. Fricke explained that there were many different reasons they were not included originally, her recommendation is to accept the wells conditionally pending State approval of the SWSPs. Discussion was held on how to move forward, many of the Board of Managers had wells on the list. Mike Kruse voiced his concern of adding new wells to the Subdistrict, Ms. Fricke highlighted the wells would not be expanding their use with the exception of well No.'s 29 and 30. Ms. Fricke reported Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and No. 42 of the contracted wells belong to Board of Managers and would be consider conditionally for the 2022 Annual Replacement Plan.

A motion was made by Clay Mitchell to conditionally approve the list of wells striking the ones off highlighted by the Program Manager pending State approval. The motion was seconded by Jamie Hart and unanimously approved.

Ms. Fricke listed the next well Nos. to consider were 2, 3, 4, and 5, Miguel Diaz recused himself.

A motion was made by Sheldon Rockey to conditionally approve well Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 pending State approval. The motion was seconded by Jamie Hart and unanimously approved.

Ms. Fricke reported the next well to consider is well No. 15, Sheldon Rockey recused himself.

A motion was made by Clay Mitchell to conditionally approve well No. 15 pending State approval. The motion was seconded by Miguel Diaz and unanimously approved.

Ms. Fricke reported well Nos. 17 and 42 Worley Farms would be considered next.

A motion was made by Clay Mitchell to conditionally approve well Nos. 17 and 42 pending State approval. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Rockey and unanimously approved.

Ms. Fricke reported the next wells to consider were Nos. 20, 21, and 22, Zapata Seed, Brian Brownell recused himself.

A motion was made by Miguel Diaz to conditionally approved well Nos. 20, 21, and 22 pending State approval. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Rockey and unanimously approved.

Ms. Fricke announced well Nos. 27 and 28 would be considered next. Jamie Hart recused himself.

A motion was made by Miguel Diaz to conditionally approve well Nos. 27 and 28 pending State approval. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Rockey and unanimously approved.

Approval of the 2022 Annual Replacement Plan

President Brownell asked for the approval of the 2022 Annual Replacement Plan (ARP). Marisa Fricke reported on the key opponents of the ARP and provided the total estimated amount of water pumped in Subdistrict No. 1. Ms. Fricke reported pumping is monitored throughout the year and the Board of Managers could adjust the estimate if needed. She highlighted the items that would be added to the ARP prior to being filed and sent to the District Board and the State.

A motion was made by Sheldon Rockey to accept the draft 2022 Annual Replacement Plan and submit it to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board of Directors for consideration of approval. The motion was seconded by Clay Mitchell and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Jamie Hart to use wet water for the 2022 plan year replacements. The motion was seconded by Tony Holcomb and unanimously approved.

Discussion and Possible Action on Terms of Fallow Contracts

President Brownell asked for the discussion and possible action on terms of fallow contracts. Mike Kruse recused himself. Marisa Fricke reported on the current language in the fallow contracts regarding when property is sold or exchanges hands. Pete Ampe explained the request brought to the Board by Mike Kruse.

A motion was made by Miguel Diaz to allow Valley Alliance to let Mike Kruse to continue the current Fallow Contract. The motion was seconded by James Cooley and unanimously approved.

Other Director Reports/Comments/Questions

President Brownell asked for other director reports/comments/questions. Marisa Fricke questioned the voting procedure on the Plan of Water Management No. 4. Mike Kruse voiced his concerns and requested further discussion at the next meeting.

New Business

President Brownell asked for new business. There were none.

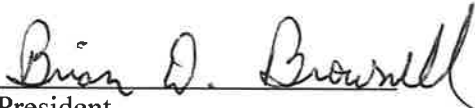
Next Meeting

A special meeting was scheduled for April 26, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.


President


Secretary/Treasurer