

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1  
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
November 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.  
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101  
And by Zoom Teleconference**

**Present:** Brian Brownell, President; Carla Worley, Vice-President; Jamie Hart, BOM; Miguel A. Diaz, BOM; Clay Mitchell, BOM; Sheldon Rockey, BOM; Asier Artaechevarria, BOM; and Mike Kruse, Ex-Officio Member.

**Absent:** Chris Miner, BOM; Tony Holcomb, BOM; Les Alderete, BOM.

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

**Guests:** William Myers, Dale Bartee, Craig Cotton, Chad Spearman.

**Meeting Called to Order**

President Brownell called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Discussion and Possible Action on Winter Flow Program Offer**

President Brownell asked for discussion and possible action on Winter Flow Program offer. Marisa Fricke provided an overview of the proposed agreement to cover Subdistrict No. 1 winter time depletions. Ms. Fricke reported the Closed Basin Project usually covers the Subdistricts winter time depletions; however, this program would be an opportunity for the Subdistrict to release their own flow of stored water to cover those months. She highlighted the incentives and went over the November and December depletions. Discussion was held on how the releases would be made and what would happen if the releases could not physically be made due to ice or other issues. Jamie Hart voiced his concerns on not receiving the full financial benefits from the proposed offer as they would if they would sell a portion of their stored water to the other Subdistricts. Mike Kruse highlighted the intangible gains and need for Subdistrict No. 1 to set the precedence. Discussion was held on the benefit the program would have on the health of the river and how the program is not economically what the Subdistrict wanted.

A motion was made by Clay Mitchell to approve the Winter Flow Program offer for two months. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Rockey.

Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Miguel Diaz: YES  
Sheldon Rockey: YES  
Carla Worley: YES  
Jamie Hart: NO  
Asier Artaechevarria: YES  
Brian Brownell: NO  
Clay Mitchell: YES

The motion passes with five (5) yes's and two (2) nos.

**Board Open Discussion**

President Brownell asked for Board open discussion. Clay Mitchell introduced an idea of using the Subdistricts stored water to off set over pumping. Marisa Fricke provided an update on the Well Permit Purchase program.

**Next Meeting**

The next special meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

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

  
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President

  
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Secretary/Treasurer