

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #6  
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
May 11, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.  
8805 Independence Way  
Alamosa, CO 81101  
And By Zoom/Teleconference**

**Present:** Tyler Faucette, President; Virgil Valdez, Vice-President; Ronald Reinhardt, Secretary/Treasurer; Gerald Faucette, Manager; Rodney Reinhardt, Manager; Peter Clark, Manager; Mario Curto, Manager; Kenneth Reynolds, Manager; Ted Heersink, Manager; and, Armando Valdez, Ex-Officio Member.

**Absent:** Robert Middlemist, Manager.

**Staff and Consultants:** Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Marisa Fricke, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

**Guests:** Deb Sarason, David Hofmann.

**Meeting Called to Order**

President Faucette called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Agenda**

President Faucette asked for changes, amendments 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 Minutes**

President Faucette asked for approval of the following minutes:

- February 10, 2021-Annual Meeting
- March 1, 2021-Special Meeting
- March 1, 2021-Executive Session

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Attorney's Report**

President Faucette asked for the Attorney's report. Pete Ampe reported on the ARP approval and highlighted that the Subdistrict remains within its sustainability metric. Mr. Ampe encouraged the Board of Manager's to continue to seek long-term water supplies.

**Program Manager's Report**

President Faucette asked for the Program Manager's Report.

- *Financial Report:* Amber Pacheco presented the financial report. She highlighted the formation costs and total amount owed to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District. Ms. Pacheco reported most activity in the budget will occur at the end of the year. She highlighted the current expenses, forbearance agreements and water leases.

A motion was made to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

- *Update on Annual Replacement Plan Operations:* Amber Pacheco presented the forbearance payments spreadsheet. Ms. Pacheco highlighted the forbearance agreements that were paid on each river and ditch, the total cost per acre-foot and total bonuses that were paid. Ms. Pacheco reminded the Board of the forecast and importance of not having another large pumping year.

**Discussion on Subdistrict Replacement Water Options and Next Steps**

President Faucette asked for discussion on Subdistrict replacement water options and next steps. He provided an update on the items the inter-Subdistrict working group had been discussing and reported on an executive summary provided by the BBA. The inter-Subdistrict group is trying to set up a meeting with BBA and the State to work through the details, options and tools available for ATMs. President Faucette highlighted that the path forward is working with our neighbors and getting the Subdistricts together so all of the Board of Managers ideas are heard and put into action.

Amber Pacheco reported filing the WaterSMART grant. She provided the due date, the dollar amount requested and what the money could be used for. Ms. Pacheco highlighted some of the issues with ATM's and a lease Subdistrict No. 2 is doing on the Centennial Ditch. Ms. Pacheco reported all Subdistricts could benefit from the WaterSMART grant, including the Trinchera. Discussion was held on holding a joint Subdistrict meeting in July, the Closed Basin Project, and potentially building a reservoir for storage.

**Direction for Staff**

President Faucette directed staff and the Board of Managers to continue to search for water resources. Amber Pacheco announced Wylie Keller was hired as the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Water Resource Specialist and provided his start date.

**Next Meeting**

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

  
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Secretary/Treasurer