SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1 OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

March 11, 2022 at 1:30 p.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; Asier Artaechevarria, BOM; and, Mike Kruse, Ex-Officio Member.

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

Guests: Deb Sarason, David Hofmann, Steve Keller, Brian Rue, Andrea Rue, Dale Bartee, Ramstetter Farms, Andy Jones, Bill Paddock, Eric Pfannenstiel, Craig Cotton, Amy Kunugi, Greg Kolomitz, Roger Sherman, Rachel at Mountain West Insurance, Chayito Espinoza, Mason Brown, Chay Yund, Ernie Myers.

Meeting Called to Order

President Brownell called the meeting to order at 1:39 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 Clay Mitchell to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Rockey and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Brownell asked for public comment. There were none.

Discussion and Possible Action on Plan of Water Management No. 4

President Brownell asked for discussion and possible action on Plan of Water Management No. 4. Marisa Fricke reviewed the motions and the changes that were made at the last meeting. Discussion was held on creditable water and whether or not the Subdistrict should give credit with Rio Grande Canal water delivered within the response area. Ms. Fricke highlighted language that was added to allow for flexibility for who the Subdistrict can contract with and another section addressing retired water rights. Discussion was held on the sustainability factor, the definition of sustainability, having extra tools and benchmarks in place to reach Subdistrict goals. Pete Ampe was directed to elaborate on rim inflow and the budget and accounting section of the Plan was addressed. Ms. Fricke highlighted the general budgeting processes with the intent to get more detail into the Rules and Regulations. Mr. Ampe reported once the Subdistrict reaches the sustainability level, the Board would create a plan of how to maintain sustainability in a fair and equitable manner. Discussion was held on decreed plans for augmentation and the consequences and requirements when leaving the Subdistrict. Mike Kruse commented on the topic and disclosed having a pending augmentation plan, he requested the language in the Plan remain the same.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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