

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
March 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
By Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: LeRoy Salazar, President; Nathan Coombs, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Sam Vance, Manager; Warren Crowther, Manager; Ruben Sandoval, Manager; Doug Bagwell, Manager; and, Dwight Martin, Ex-Officio Member

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: David Hofmann, Jason Lorenz, and Monty Smith.

Meeting Called to Order

President Salazar called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Nathan Coombs led the opening prayer.

Approval of the Agenda

President Salazar asked for approval of the agenda, Amber Pacheco asked to add a discussion on a letter of support for the WaterSmart Grant she is working on. A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Ruben Sandoval and unanimously approved.

Discussion and possible action on request from Trinchera Groundwater Subdistrict

President Salazar asked for discussion and possible action on a request from Trinchera Groundwater Subdistrict. Amber Pacheco explained the request being made by the Trinchera Subdistrict for a possible exchange of water to cover depletions on the Conejos River. Jason Lorenz highlighted the amount of water the Trinchera Subdistrict may need on the lower Conejos River. Discussion was held on the forbearance agreements both Subdistricts have secured and how the potential exchange of water would work. Dwight Martin questioned if the Norton Drain could be used for exchange purposes.

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to trade or allow the Trinchera Subdistrict to use up to 30-acre feet of Subdistrict No. 3's water to replace depletions on the Conejos River in exchange for a like amount from the Trinchera Subdistrict to replace depletions to the Rio Grande River. The motion was seconded by Sam Vance and unanimously approved.

Executive Session

President Salazar asked for a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice concerning the lease/purchase of real property. A motion was made by Ruben Sandoval to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Doug Bagwell and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session to receive legal advice concerning the lease/purchase of real property. The Board would take no formal action or position.

Action on Executive Session

President Salazar asked for action on executive session.

A motion was made by Sam Vance to offer to purchase 200 acre-feet of water held in storage by Subdistrict No. 1 in the amount of \$250 per acre foot. The motion was seconded by Nathan Coombs and unanimously approved.

Discuss Letter of Support on WaterSmart Grant

President Salazar asked for the discussion on a letter of support on the WaterSmart Grant. Amber Pacheco reported working with a group of individuals trying to put together a program under a grant through the Bureau of Reclamation. Ms. Pacheco highlighted the grant timeline, the dollar amount and what the money from the grant would be used for.

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs for Subdistrict No. 3 Board of Managers to write a letter of support for the WaterSmart Grant and to ask the Rio Grande Water Conservation District to support the grant. The motion was seconded by Sam Vance and unanimously approved.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dwight Martin and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer