

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
March 3, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101
And By Zoom/Teleconference**

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

Absent: LeRoy Salazar, President.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant; and, Michael Carson, Database Administrator.

Guests: David Hofmann and Deb Sarason, DWR; Anna Greenburg; and, Monica McCafferty.

Meeting Called to Order

Vice-President Coombs called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Dwight Martin led the opening prayer.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Vice-President Coombs asked for approval of the consent agenda items:

- Agenda
- November 19, 2021-Special Meeting Minutes
- December 2, 2021-Quarterly Meeting Minutes
- December 2, 2021-Executive Session Minutes
- December 16, 2021-Special Meeting Minutes
- December 16, 2021-Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made by Ruben Sandoval to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Sam Vance and unanimously approved.

Election of Officers

Vice-President Coombs opened the floor for nominations for officers of the Board of Managers of Subdistrict No. 3. Pete Ampe reminded the Board of the current officers.

A motion was made by Ruben Sandoval to maintain the current slate of officers. The motion was seconded by Doug Bagwell and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Vice President Coombs asked for public comment. There were none.

Attorney's Report

Vice-President Coombs asked for the Attorney's report. Pete Ampe reported he and Matt Montgomery have been working on contracts for Subdistrict No. 3 and other Subdistricts to secure permanent water supplies to remedy depletions. Mr. Ampe updated the Board on the progress Subdistrict No. 1 has made on the amendments to their Plan of Water Management No. 4 and reported Douglas County Commissioners and RWR are planning on meeting in the Valley on March 26th.

Program Manager's Report

Vice-President Coombs asked for the Program Manager's report.

- *Financial Report:* Amber Pacheco presented the financial report. She highlighted the formation costs and the payments the Subdistrict has made to the District. Ms. Pacheco presented the Balance Sheet, Expense Sheet and reported the April 2021 forbearance payments and 2021 bonus payments had been made.

A motion was made by Sam Vance to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Ruben Sandoval and unanimously approved.

- Report on 2021 Preliminary Water Report: Amber Pacheco reported rerunning the response function for 2021 which showed an overpayment of depletions due to a 14% decrease in pumping. She explained the overpayment and how it would be adjusted going forward if the State approves the amended response function numbers.

- Discuss Progress on Annual Replacement Plan for 2022: Amber Pacheco reported on the SWSP's and lease purchase agreements Pete Ampe has been working on. She highlighted projects on the Monte Vista Canal and the Rio Grande. Ms. Pacheco provided an update on ATMs and reported on a large group of wells who had filed an augmentation plan and were also looking to secure water rights. Ms. Pacheco explained the importance of securing long-term forbearance agreements and water contracts. Discussion was held on some of the challenges that could arise from the group of wells removing themselves out of Subdistrict No. 1 and forming their own augmentation plan.

Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice Concerning the Purchase of Real Property

Vice-President Coombs asked for executive session to receive legal advice concerning the purchase of real property. A motion was made by Doug Bagwell to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Sam Vance and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(a) to receive legal advice concerning the purchase of real property. The Board would take no formal action or position during the executive session.

Possible Action from Executive Session

Vice-President Coombs asked for possible action from executive session. A motion was made by Sam Vance to direct staff to continue on as discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded by Ruben Sandoval and unanimously approved.

New Business

Vice-President Coombs asked for new business. Sam Vance made a recommendation to add a discussion regarding long-term forbearance agreements and bonus payments to the next agenda.

Next Meeting

A special ARP meeting was scheduled for March 13, 2022, at 7:00 a.m. The quarterly meeting was scheduled for June 2, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Sam Vance to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ruben Sandoval and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer