

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #5  
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
November 14, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.  
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room  
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

**Present:** David Schmittel, President; George Whitten, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; and, Kit Caldon, Manager.

**Absent:** Dale Gerstberger, Manager; Corey Hill, Manager; and, Doug Gunnels, Ex Officio Member.

**Staff and Consultants:** Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant; and, Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist.

**Guests:** William Myers, Tim Lovato, Diane Woodard.

**Meeting Called to Order**

President Schmittel called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. A quorum was present for the meeting.

**Approval of the Agenda**

President Schmittel asked for changes, additions or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Kit Caldon to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by George Whitten and unanimously approved.

**Public Comment**

President Schmittel asked for public comment. Diane Woodard reported on her family-owned water rights, challenges with technology, legal time lines and how to better assess greenhouse gas admissions.

**Review and Possible Action on Ditch Cleaning Bids**

President Schmittel asked for review and possible action on ditch cleaning bids. Chris Ivers presented the six (6) bids that had been received and reported the lowest bid was from Cole Seger. He provided the hourly rate, estimated number of hours to complete the project and the total amount of the bid. Mr. Ivers reported the next lowest bid was from Cooley and Sons and the highest bid was from Rock M' Inc. He provided the totals of each bid and described the issues with flooding on the property. Mr. Ivers presented a map and described where on the property the work would be done. Kit Caldon explained Cooley and Sons has the equipment needed to perform the job. Discussion was held on the possibility of a delay due to the ground freezing.

A motion was made by George Whitten to accept the bid offered by Seger with a maximum of \$4,250. The motion was seconded by Kit Caldon and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ivers was directed to inform Seger of the Boards acceptance of his bid.

A motion was made by Kit Caldon to accept the bid offered by Cooley and Sons for \$6,500 if Seger does not accept the requirement of a maximum of \$4,250. The motion was seconded by George Whitten and unanimously approved.

Chris Ivers updated the Board on the progress of the second well site. Discussion was held on the size of pump, storage tank and how to remedy the low flows with the second well. Mr. Ivers provided an update on the first well that caved in, he reported the State has authority over the well at this time. Diane Woodard asked how to get educated on the water. Mr. Ivers suggested the Master Irrigators class or the Water Leaders courses.

**Next Meeting**

A special meeting was scheduled for November 29, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

The next quarterly meeting is January 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

  
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Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer