

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
June 6, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room
Alamosa, Colorado 81101**

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

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill and Robbins, P.C.; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Chris Ivers, Deputy Program Manager; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Perry Sowards, Tray Jones, Samuel Rentz, Leroy Martinez, Monte Smith and Deb Sarason.

Meeting Called to Order

President Salazar called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Sam Vance led the opening prayer.

Approval of the Consent Agenda Including March 7, 2019 Quarterly Meeting and April 12, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes

President Salazar asked for changes or a motion to approve the consent agenda. President Salazar added a discussion regarding the Work Session with Subdistrict 6 under New Business. A motion was made by Sam Vance to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Warren Crowther and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Salazar asked for public comment. Perry Sowards was present and requested an appeal of his Subdistrict bill. Mr. Sowards stated the well should not have been charged the flood rate. Discussion was held on the issue with the well. Mr. Sowards summarized his operation and discussion was held. Pete Ampe explained the appeal process and requested it be followed. Once the Subdistrict receives the appeal in writing it will be put on the agenda Ms. Pacheco will make her recommendation to the Board and a vote will be taken. Ms. Pacheco said she will work with Perry and the State to determine what the consumption rate is for the operation Mr. Sowards currently has.

Attorney's Report

President Salazar asked for the Attorney's Report. Pete Ampe provided an update on the status of all of the Subdistricts. Mr. Ampe reported the Groundwater Rules are in place and Subdistricts 4, 5 and 6 are close to approving their Plans of Water Management. Nathan Coombs suggested holding an executive session at the next meeting in order to discuss partial forbearance agreements.

Program Manager's Report

President Salazar asked for the Program Manager's Report.

- ***Financial Update:*** Amber Pacheco provided the Board with the financial update which included the total expenditures to-date. Ms. Pacheco presented the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss through May. Ms. Pacheco reported the Subdistrict is now collecting fees and provided the total amount collected.
- ***Report on Water Replacement Operations and Costs:*** Amber Pacheco presented the accounting for replacements and showed the depletion amount and the sources being used to remedy those depletions on the Conejos River, the Alamosa River and the Rio Grande.

Monte Smith commented on the Subdistrict No. 6 meeting he attended the night prior to this meeting. Mr. Smith stated the Trinchera is not under the Rio Grande Water Conservation District however it has become apparent they need some of the expertise the District office has to offer in order to develop and carry out their Plan of Water Management.

Discussion on Potential Uses for Colorado Parks and Wildlife Water Currently Stored in Platoro Reservoir

President Salazar asked for a discussion on potential uses for Colorado Parks and Wildlife water being stored in the Platoro Reservoir. Nathan Coombs explained how and when they began storing water in Platoro for Parks and Wildlife and the conditions associated. The consensus was to have staff and legal counsel begin working with the division engineer's office to determine how the water could be used in the winter as a credit similar to how it is being done with the San Luis Valley Irrigation Well Owners water during this year's irrigation season. Discussion was held on the status of towns contracting into the Subdistrict.

Next Meeting


The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2019, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer