

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3  
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
April 13, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.  
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101  
And By Zoom/Teleconference**

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

**Staff and Consultants:** Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C; Amber Pacheco, Deputy General Manager; Angelo Bellah, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; Taylor Chick, Program Manager; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

**Guests:** David Hofmann, Steve Keller and Elliott Salazar.

**Meeting Called to Order**

President Salazar called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Sam Vance led the opening prayer.

**Approval of the Agenda**

President Salazar asked for changes, additions or a motion to approve the agenda. The agenda was amended to move the executive session to after the approval of the 2023 Annual Replacement Plan.

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

**Public Comment**

President Salazar asked for public comment. There was none.

**Approval of the 2023 Annual Replacement Plan**

President Salazar asked for the approval of the 2023 Annual Replacement Plan (ARP).

- **Board Discussion**

Angelo Bellah presented the ARP summary. He highlighted the projected groundwater withdrawal forecast, net groundwater consumptive use, total impacts for the Rio Grande River, Conejos River and the Alamosa River. Mr. Bellah provided the post plan impacts, the monthly stream depletions on each river, and the amounts and sources of replacement water acquired by the Subdistrict. He listed the forbearance agreements and highlighted the increased amount of water in storage. Mr. Bellah provided the amount of Closed Basin Project allocation for the winter time depletions and described the replacement sources on the Rio Grande River, Alamosa River and the Conejos River. Discussion was held on the Subdistrict receiving credit from Alpha Farms and the timing and amount to be stored. Staff was directed to work with the water commissioner to make the decision daily. Further Discussion was held on the well on the Alpha Farms property, how to get the water to a recharge pond and the need to meet at the site with the contractor to discuss the infrastructure.

- **Public Comment**

There was none.

- **Recommendation to the Board of Directors**

A motion was made by Doug Bagwell to approve the Subdistrict No. 3 Annual Replacement Plan and present the Annual Replacement Plan to the Board of Directors for approval. The motion was seconded by Sam Vance and unanimously approved.

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

President Salazar asked for an executive session to receive legal advice concerning the lease/purchase of real property. A motion was made by Sam Vance 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 pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(a) to receive legal advice concerning the lease/purchase of real property. The Board would take no formal action or position during the executive session.

**Possible Action from Executive Session**

President Salazar asked for possible action from the executive session. Staff was directed to coordinate with the Trinchera Subdistrict and move forward on the purchase of Alpha Farms.

**Next Meeting**

The annual meeting was scheduled for June 1, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

  
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Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer