

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1  
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
April 26, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.  
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101  
And by Zoom Teleconference**

**Present:** Brian Brownell, President; Carla Worley, Vice-President; Clay Mitchell, Secretary/Treasurer; Jamie Hart, BOM; Miguel A. Diaz, BOM; Sheldon Rockey, BOM; Chris Miner, BOM; Tony Holcomb, BOM; Jake Burris, BOM; James Cooley, BOM; and, Mike Kruse, Ex-Officio Member.

**Staff and Consultants:** Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Marisa Fricke, Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; Cassandra McCuen, HCP Coordinator/Program Assistant; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

**Guests:** Deb Sarason, Willie Hoffner, Chris Lopez, David Hofmann, Andy Jones, Tod Smith, Tony Windham, Steve Keller, Bill Paddock, Peggy Godfrey, Craig Cotton, and Mirko Kruse.

**Meeting Called to Order**

President Brownell called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. A quorum was present, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of the Agenda**

President Brownell asked for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Sheldon Rockey to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Jake Burris and unanimously approved.

**Public Comment**

President Brownell asked for public comment. There were none.

**Plan of Water Management No. 4 Review**

President Brownell asked for Plan of Water Management No. 4 review. Marisa Fricke presented an outline of what had previously been discussed. She announced the Plan of Water Management No. 4 was not in effect yet. Ms. Fricke highlighted the timeline, annual recovery goals, tracking total and an outline of the transition year. She also highlighted that Subdistrict members would go into the irrigation season knowing their individual situation, they discussed including the information on the surface water credit form. Pete Ampe reported the budgeting and accounting would go under the Rules and Regulations. Discussion was held on rim flow. Mike Kruse proposed deleting 4.2.6, Mr. Ampe explained what that would do.

A motion was made by Jake Burris to strike 4.2.6 in its entirety from the Plan of Water Management No. 4. The motion was seconded by Tony Holcomb, Sheldon Rockey and James Cooley voted no; the motion passed.

Jamie Hart asked for a conversation on benchmarks. David Hofmann reported Craig Cotten was out of the state and not able to comment today. Ms. Fricke presented the steps following the Subdistrict Board approval of the Plan of Water Management No. 4. Jake Burris suggested DWR review the draft Plan and come back to the Subdistrict with comments. Mr. Hofmann highlighted the benchmarks mentioned by Craig Cotten. Discussion was held on what the penalty would be if benchmarks were added into the Plan and not successful.

A motion was made by Carla Worley to approve the Plan of Water Management No. 4 with the changes made today. The motion was seconded by Jake Burris, and unanimously approved.

Pete Ampe was directed to make the minor clerical changes that were discussed. Mr. Ampe provided an update on the other Subdistricts. He reported Subdistrict's No. 2, 3, 4, and 5 are moving forward with acquisition of surface water rights to change to permanent replacements. Mr. Ampe highlighted Subdistrict No. 6 is concentrating on ATM's, he explained what it is and how it works. Mr. Ampe provided an update on the SWAG augmentation plan. Ms. Fricke explained how the funds from Senate Bill 22-028 could be applied for.

**Next Meeting**

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

  
President

  
Secretary/Treasurer