

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #6
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
September 14, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.
By Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: Tyler Faucette, President; Virgil Valdez, Vice-President; Ronald Reinhardt, Secretary/Treasurer; Kenneth Reynolds, Manager; Gerald Faucette, Manager; Rodney Reinhardt, Manager; Ted Heersink, Manager; Peter Clark, Manager; Mario Curto, Manager; Rodney Archer, Manager; and, Armando Valdez, Ex-Officio Member.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Deb Sarason, David Hofmann, Larry Zaragoza, Marvin Reynolds

Meeting Called to Order

President Faucette called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

President Faucette asked for changes, amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Consideration of Participation Contracts

President Faucette asked for the consideration of participation contracts. Amber Pacheco reported receiving five (5) contracts for the Board's consideration:

Monte Vista School District

Ms. Pacheco presented the Monte Vista School District contract. Rodney Reinhardt expressed his concern of the Subdistrict being stuck with the post-plan depletions. Ms. Pacheco reported each contract could be renewed each year and she also explained why the School wanted to be in the Subdistrict. Discussion was held on if the Monte Vista School District should leave the Subdistrict, would their depletions go with them. President Faucette asked for a discussion on a bond to cover the post-plan depletions and what the value should be. The Board requested the contract and the record to reflect that if the Monte Vista School District reactivates the well a bond would be required.

A motion was made to accept the Monte Vista School District contract as written. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Town of La Jara

Ms. Pacheco presented the Town of La Jara contract. She highlighted the number of active and inactive wells, withdrawal amounts, and stated they have been included in all of the depletion estimates made previously. President Faucette asked for any discussion.

A motion was made to accept the Town of La Jara contract. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

City of Monte Vista

Ms. Pacheco presented the City of Monte Vista contract and reported they are also seeking their own augmentation plan. Ms. Pacheco reported the City will cover their own depletions on the Rio Grande and the inclusion will allow the Subdistrict to use the return flows from their system. Discussion was held on the Subdistrict's ability to move the accretions up through the river and when the City of Monte Vista will have their augmentation plan completed.

A motion was made to accept the City of Monte Vista contract. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District

Ms. Pacheco presented the East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District contract and reported it is not included in the City of Alamosa contract. Ms. Pacheco highlighted that their withdrawals are consistent and provided the possible accretion amounts from their system. Discussion was held on what reach to use the accretion amounts.

A motion was made to accept the East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District participation contract. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

City of Alamosa

Ms. Pacheco presented the City of Alamosa contract along with the details. Discussion was held on the Subdistrict possibly being a remedy source in their augmentation plan

A motion was made to accept the City of Alamosa Contract. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Fish and Wildlife Service

Ms. Pacheco highlighted the number of wells the Fish and Wildlife Service and Colorado Parks and Wildlife have and the number of wells they seek to contract into the Subdistrict. Ms. Pacheco reported the wells are high capacity wells and provided their average consumptive use. She provided the details of the contract and highlighted the benefits to the Subdistrict. Discussion was held on potential problems in the future with sustainability and the need to revisit the annual contract at that point. President Faucette reported the final contract would need a clause addressing sustainability. She reported they want to pay just like everyone else. Pete Ampe added the Fish and Wildlife Service and CPW are not exempt from the rules.

A motion was made to approve the Fish and Wildlife Service and CPW contract. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Headwater Property Management-Trevor Toews

Ms. Pacheco presented the details of the Trevor Toews participation contract including the average acre-feet of water pumped per year.

A motion was made to approve the Trevor Toews Contract. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Approval of the 2020 Partial Annual Replacement Plan

President Faucette asked for the approval of the 2020 Partial Annual Replacement Plan. He also acknowledged Amber Pacheco for all of her hard work. Ms. Pacheco presented the Subdistrict No. 6 2020 partial Annual Replacement Plan. Ms. Pacheco highlighted the pumping projections, net groundwater consumptive use, total impacts and the post-plan depletions. Ms. Pacheco thanked the Terrace Irrigation Company for their help as well as everyone who has done forbearance agreements. President Faucette opened up the meeting for public comment, there were none.


A motion was made to accept the 2020 Subdistrict No. 6 partial Annual Replacement Plan and to forward the plan to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board of Directors for approval. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Next Meeting

A special meeting was scheduled for October 7, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. The next quarterly meeting was scheduled for November 3, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer