

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #4
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
June 4, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: David Frees, President; Pete Stagner, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Jan Waye, Manager; Jeff Regenold, Manager; Jennifer Rodriguez, Manager; and Peggy Godfrey, Ex-Officio Member.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill and Robbins, P.C.; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Taylor Chick, Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; Kelsey Weeks, ASU Intern; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Crystal Benavidez, HCP Coordinator/Program Assistant; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and, Michael Carson, Database Administrator.

Guests: David Hofmann, Sally Wier, Jennifer Oldham, Chris Shaffer, Michael Oldham, Dirk Rasmussen, Morgan (last name not identified).

Meeting Called to Order

President Frees called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There was a quorum present for the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

President Frees asked for changes, additions or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Pete Stagner to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Regenold and unanimously approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda

President Frees asked for approval of the consent agenda:

- March 5, 2024-Quarterly Meeting Minutes
- April 12, 2024-Special Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Jan Waye to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Jeff Regenold and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Frees asked for public comment. There was none.

Attorney's Report

President Frees asked for the Attorney's report. Pete Ampe updated the Board on the Texas vs Colorado/New Mexico case, the Dredge and Fill Bill and provided the trial dates for the Subdistrict No. 1 Plan of Water Management No. 4, the SWAG trial, the City of Alamosa Augmentation Plan and reported he would follow up on the Kiana Creek/Cotton Creek contract.

Engineer's Report

President Frees asked for the Engineer's report. Clinton Phillips presented an update on the monitoring wells in the Subdistrict No. 4 response area. He highlighted the baseline measurements by model layer and reported including the individual hydro graphs in the Board packet. Peggy Godfrey reported not using water this year and reported she would donate her irrigation right to the Subdistrict/District. Pete Ampe reported he would draft the documentation.

Program Manager's Report

President Frees asked for the Program Manager's report. Chris Ivers introduced Jennifer Oldham as a journalist working with Sally Wier on a report about groundwater conservation easements. Mr. Ivers reported on the conversations held with Bob Bunker regarding geology/archeology projects. He explained the requirement to grant permission to allow samples and data gathering, his recommendation was to approve. Pete Ampe highlighted the legal requirements. Jan Waye asked for the Board to receive reports on any/all findings. Pete Stagner reported needing more information and a request for a proposal. President Frees requested the

artifacts be displayed in Saguache. Dirk Rasmussen commented on the excavation and it aligning with the easement. Staff was directed to work on obtaining proposals and work with Colorado Open Lands on maintaining compliance with the easement. Mr. Ivers reported on the forbearance agreement with Mr. Bunker and the agreement to clean his channel/ditch. President Frees said the Farm Committee would take a look and see what needs to be done.

- Financial Report

Chris Ivers presented the costs and expenses covered by the District for and since formation. He highlighted the assets, liabilities and equity from the Balance Sheet and the income and expenses from the Profit and Loss Statement.

A motion was made by Pete Stagner to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Regenold and unanimously approved.

Chris Ivers reported on the Peachwood property elk issue. He described how Subdistrict No. 1 allowed neighbors to access the Medano property to hunt. Discussion was held on the financial responsibilities, restrictions, insurance, easements, using outfitters and the application process. Staff was directed to have a discussion with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, investigate the bid process/vouchers further, then present a plan to the Board.

Discussion Regarding Peachwood Farm

President Frees asked for discussion regarding Peachwood Farm. Dirk Rasmussen and Morgan presented on a revegetation project idea. They explained the issue of losing soil due to wind and water erosion rapidly on the pivot corners. The proposal presented was an experiment using mushroom mycelium, woodchips and native seed mix. Mr. Rasmussen reported they were not seeking financial support but feedback and interest from the Board in participating in the experiment. Discussion was held on what type of waste materials and wood chips to use. Mr. Rasmussen would draft a proposal and bring it back to the Board for consideration.

Update on Past Due Account (Chokurei Ranch)

President Frees asked for an update on the past due account (Chokurei Ranch). Chris Ivers reported the owner remains hopeful in making the payment by the July 1st due date. Discussion was held on the process and steps to be taken by the Subdistrict if the payment is not made.

New Business

President Frees asked for new business. He asked to have a discussion about the cross fences and perimeter fences on the Peachwood property sometime during the off season.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Pete Stagner to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jan Wayne and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.



President

Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer