# SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #5 OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT September 2, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

### Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room And by Zoom/Teleconference

<u>Present:</u> David Schmittel, President; George Whitten, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer and Kit Caldon, Manager.

Absent: Corey Hill, Manager; Dale Gerstberger, Manager and Doug Gunnels, Ex Officio Member.

<u>Staff and Consultants:</u> Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: David Hofmann, Iris Garcia and Rebie Hazard.

#### Meeting Called to Order

President Schmittel called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. A quorum was present for the meeting.

## Approval of the Agenda

President Schmittel asked for any changes, additions or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by George Whitten to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Kit Caldon and unanimously approved.

#### **Public Comment**

President Schmittel asked for public comment. There was none.

# Discussion and Possible Action on Augmentation Well Driller

President Schmittel asked for discussion and possible action on augmentation well driller. Chris Ivers explained the concerns Scot Heersink had with the well permit and reported due to time constrictions staff began to seek other options. Mr. Ivers reported on conversations with the Division of Water Resources and HRS Consultants on how the well needs to be completed. He presented a bid from Ray Newmyer and explained the two (2) proposals. Mr. Ivers reported there was a misunderstanding with Scot Heersink about what the Subdistrict was needing, therefore his charges would increase if he were to drill the well. President Schmittel expressed his concern of getting the amount of water the Subdistrict needs from the well to be drilled. Kit Caldon reported he rather have someone new drill the well. Mr. Ivers reported on the continued efforts to seek proposals from other well drillers. Wylie Keller provided the gallons per minute needed in October and gave an update on the Subdistricts lack of ability to meet their depletions without the augmentation well. George Whitten expressed his concerns of potentially hiring Mr. Newmyer to drill the augmentation well due to his lack of support of the Subdistrict endeavor. Discussion was held on the type of rig to be used to drill the well, the limited options and the short time frame to get the well drilled. Mr. Whitten recapped how the well is to be drilled and reported being in favor of hiring Ray Newmyer to complete the work. Mr. Caldon commented on the amount of money the Subdistrict is going to pay to drill a test well and the additional expense to drill a production well. Iris Garcia reported being concerned with the location of the well and how it would affect the Town wells. Mr. Ivers explained where the proposed well would be drilled. Mr. Keller provided the acre foot amount of water the Subdistrict would need for the month of October and April to cover depletions. Discussion was held on the depth of the well and how to increase the gallons per minute.

A motion was made by George Whitten to engage with Ray Newmyer to drill the larger one of the two wells, option two (2) for total cost of \$47,800. The motion was seconded by Kit Caldon and unanimously approved.

Discussion was held on the terms and conditions of the contract and the acre foot amount of water that would need to be hauled if the well does not work out. Iris Garcia requested to have a conversation with Chris Ivers to discuss the exact location of the well.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

President

Vice President/Secretary/Treasurer