

**SPECIAL TELEPHONE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #6
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
April 21, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.
By Telephone Only**

Present by Telephone: 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; and Armando Valdez, Ex-Officio Member

Absent: Rodney Archer, Manager

Staff and Consultants by Telephone: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant

Guests by Telephone: Virginia Christensen and Ron Brink

Meeting Called to Order

President Faucette called the meeting to order at 8:01 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 as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Paying Forbearance Agreements for May 1, 2020-September 30, 2020

President Faucette asked for a discussion regarding payment of Forbearance Agreements for May 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020. Amber Pacheco reported she had received quite a few forbearance agreements and provided the total agreements per river. Discussion was held on why Subdistrict No. 6 has forbearance agreements on the Los Pinos River and the San Antonio Rivers. Ms. Pacheco stated Armando Valdez, Sam Vance, Nathan Coombs, Leroy Salazar and Ruben Sandoval from Subdistrict No. 3 performed a lot of the work securing the forbearance agreements. Ms. Pacheco also stated many of the ditch companies choose the three (3) year option. Discussion was held on the ditches not showing injury receiving a bonus. Ms. Pacheco stated the Subdistrict could continue to secure forbearance agreements with the ditch companies which had not signed up yet. Ms. Pacheco was asked to explain her spreadsheet and a discussion was held on paying the injury payment as if they were operating under an Annual Replacement Plan. Ms. Pacheco provided the estimated total cost as well as the bonus payment totals.

A motion was made to approve all the forbearance agreements presented and to pay bonus payments and any amount owed for depletions for the irrigation season starting May 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Discussion on Progress for Securing Sources of Replacement for Partial 2020 Annual Replacement Plan

President Faucette asked a discussion on the progress of securing sources of replacement for the upcoming partial 2020 Annual Replacement Plan. Amber Pacheco highlighted a spreadsheet sent to the Board which shows the amounts of water the Subdistrict has agreements for as well as the amount of water available that could be used for an Annual Replacement Plan. Ms. Pacheco provided the details from a response function she ran and stated a large portion would likely be covered by forbearance agreements. Ms. Pacheco updated the Board on the water the Rio Grande Water Conservation District moved into storage in Platoro last year for use on the Conejos. She also reported on a lease agreement with the BLM for excess augmentation water they own and how it would operate. Discussion was held on the use of the water from the BLM and the impact it could have on the compact. Ms. Pacheco reported the Subdistrict is most likely covered on the Conejos and provided some of the challenges on the Rio Grande River. She highlighted the water purchased by the Rio Grande Water Conservation District that would be available, Santa Maria leases, and other replacement sources. Discussion was held on possibly having to cover the depletions on the Rio Grande with forbearance agreements. Ms. Pacheco reported on the conversations with Rio Grande Reservoir regarding a long-term storage agreement. Discussion was held on possibly approaching Subdistrict No. 1 with a proposal to lease or acquire some water they have in storage. Ms. Pacheco reported the Alamosa River will be the most challenging and the Subdistrict needs to

continue to build up resources of water and forbearance agreements. The Board also discussed a possible source of water on the Alamosa.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.


Mario Curto requested weekly or bi-weekly updates on progress.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer