

**SPECIAL TELEPHONE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
December 2, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room
Alamosa, Colorado 81101**

Present: LeRoy Salazar, President; Ruben Sandoval, Manager; and, Dwight Martin, Ex-Officio Member.

Present on the Telephone: Nathan Coombs, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Sam Vance, Manager; Doug Bagwell, Manager; and, Warren Crowther, Manager.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill and Robbins, P.C. (on the telephone); Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Chris Ivers, Deputy Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Tim Carden, HCP Coordinator/ Program Assistant; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: James Henderson (on the telephone)

Meeting Called to Order

President Salazar called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

President Salazar asked for any changes or additions to the agenda, there were none so he stated it was approved as it stands.

Public Comment

President Salazar asked for public comment. There was none.

Discussion Regarding the 2019 Administrative and Groundwater Withdrawal Fee Assessments

President Salazar asked for the discussion regarding the 2019 fee assessments. Amber Pacheco highlighted the fee process and stated this is the second year assessing fees. Ms. Pacheco stated a tiered structure was used to identify wells as inactive and active. The amount of funds carried over from last year was provided as well. The Board also discussed the sustainability portion of the Groundwater Withdrawal Fee. Ms. Pacheco explained the Groundwater Withdrawal Fee per acre-foot dropped from last year.

Resolution to Approve 2019 Administrative and Groundwater Withdrawal Fee Assessment

A motion was made to adopt the 2019 Administrative and Groundwater Withdrawal Fee assessments as presented. The motion was seconded by Doug Bagwell and unanimously approved.

Resolution Regarding Forbearance Contract Bonus Payments

President Salazar asked for a discussion regarding a resolution to offer forbearance agreement bonus payments. Ms. Pacheco reminded the Board of the forbearance discussions held during the combined work session with Subdistrict No. 6. Discussion was held on forbearance contracts and contracting with multiple Subdistricts.

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the Resolution with the requested amendments. The motion was seconded by Dwight Martin and unanimously approved.

New Business

President Salazar asked for new business. Amber Pacheco provided the estimated figures for forbearance agreement bonuses and estimated calculations of the ditches whom will receive a forbearance payment for the 2019 irrigation season.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2020, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer