

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #5
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
April 11, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: David Schmittle, President; George Whitten, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; and, Dale Gerstberger, Manager.

Absent : Corey Hill, Manager; and, Kit Caldon, Manager; and, Doug Gunnels, Ex Officio Member.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: William Myers, David Hofmann, Lisa Marron, and, Iris Garcia.

Meeting Called to Order

President Schmittle called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. A quorum was present for the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

President Schmittle asked for changes, additions or a motion to approve the agenda. The agenda was amended to add an executive session. A motion was made by George Whitten to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Dale Gerstberger and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Schmittle asked for public comment. There was none.

Approval of the 2024 Annual Replacement Plan

President Schmittle asked for approval of the 2024 Annual Replacement Plan.

- **Board Discussion**

Chris Ivers presented the 2024 Annual Replacement Plan (ARP). He provided the number of wells and explained why two (2) wells had been removed. Mr. Ivers highlighted the predicted acre feet of groundwater withdrawals, the NRCS forecast which predicted a wet year. Mr. Ivers explained why he did not agree with the NRCS forecast by providing a comparison of snowpack and stream flows from prior years with similar conditions, as well as long range forecasts of warm and dry conditions. Mr. Ivers provided the acre-feet of depletions as well as the remedies available under the ARP. Discussion was held on possibly leasing three (3) additional quarters from North Star. Mr. Ivers reported on what would happen if the predictions change and how they can be revised throughout the year. David Hofmann commented on the NRCS predicted forecast and reported a reassessment could be done at the end of the irrigation season to make sure the Subdistrict is on track.

- **Public Comment**

There was none.

- **Recommendation to the Board of Directors**

A motion was made by George Whitten to approve the Annual Replacement Plan for 2024 as presented. The motion was seconded by Dale Gerstberger and unanimously approved.

Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice Concerning the Potential Purchase of Real Property

President Schmittle asked for executive session to receive legal advice concerning the potential purchase of real property. A motion was made at 5:38 p.m. by George Whitten to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by David Schmittle and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(a) to receive legal advice concerning the potential purchase of real property. The Board would take no formal action or position during the executive session.

Possible Action from Executive Session

President Schmittel asked for possible action from executive session. There was none.

New Business

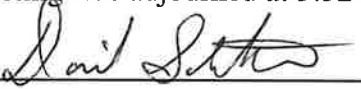
President Schmittel asked for new business. There was none.

Next Meeting

The annual meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.



President

Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer