

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #4  
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
March 6, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.  
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room  
Alamosa, Colorado 81101**

**Present:** Jerry Berry, President; David Frees, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Richard Blumenhein, Manager; and Peggy Godfrey, Ex-Officio Member.

**Excused:** Ronald Bowman, Manager

**Staff and Consultants:** Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Chris Ivers, Deputy Program Manager; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

**Guests:** David Hofmann, Ray Miller, John Mattingly, Janie Thomas, Brian Morgan, Ann Bunting, Dee Greeman and Jeremy Uhlenbrock.

**Meeting Called to Order**

President Berry called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Consent Agenda Including Minutes-December 4, 2018-Quarterly Meeting**

President Berry asked for amendments or a motion to approve the consent agenda items. A motion was made by David Frees to approve the consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Richard Blumenhein and unanimously approved.

**Attorney's Report**

President Berry asked for the Attorney's Report. Pete Ampe reported the Plans of Water Management for Subdistricts No. 2 and 3 have been approved and both Subdistricts are working on their Annual Replacement Plans, forbearance agreements, lease agreements, storage agreements and are looking for water supplies. Mr. Ampe asked the Board to start seeking forbearance agreements and wet water now ahead of their first Annual Replacement Plan.

**Program Manager's Report**

President Berry asked for the Program Manager's Report. Amber Pacheco provided the Board with an update on the Subdistrict's expenses and stated the Rio Grande Water Conservation District continues to pay all expenses until the Subdistrict has a revenue stream. Ms. Pacheco announced Jeremy Uhlenbrock sold the property he owned in the Subdistrict, therefore, he was no longer qualified to serve on the Board. The process to fill the vacant Board member seat was explained.

**Discussion on Draft Plan of Water Management Revisions**

President Berry asked for a discussion on the draft Plan of Water Management revisions. Amber Pacheco went through each edit that was made to the Plan and asked the Board for their comments and questions. The Board provided a few suggested changes and further explanations. Ms. Pacheco stated she and Chris Ivers worked to come up with the best way to calculate the proportional share of sustainability. Chris Ivers explained how the calculation would be done. Ms. Pacheco described the benchmarks that were added to the sustainability section. Discussion was held on water export and the Subdistrict's position on it.

**Discussion on Draft Rules and Regulations**

President Berry asked for a discussion on the draft Rules and Regulations. Amber Pacheco stated the Rules and Regulations further define the concepts included in the Plan of Water Management. Ms. Pacheco explained each section of the Rules and answered questions from the Board. She explained how the Subdistrict would handle wells wanting to contract with the Subdistrict. Mr. Ampe added the Subdistrict is not obligated to allow a well to contract if it is determined it would cause negative impacts on the Subdistrict. Ms. Pacheco stated the Rules and Regulations will need to be approved after the Plan of Water Management is approved.



**General Board Discussion**

President Berry opened the meeting up for general Board discussion. Pete Ampe reminded the Board of the tasks which need to be completed in the next year. He gave the timeline to get the Plan of Water Management approved and said it was important to start getting the Subdistrict Members prepared. Mr. Ampe stated the Subdistrict needs to start looking to acquire wet water, forbearance agreements and start developing a budget. Mr. Ampe explained the meaning of forbearance agreements. President Berry requested a list of participants to reach out to.

**New Business**

President Berry asked for new business. A discussion was held on small capacity wells changing use to commercial year around use and staying within its decree or risk the contract with the Subdistrict being canceled. Pete Ampe stated they may need to crate a pumping tier for year around use.

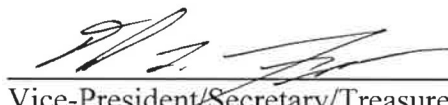
**Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on June 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

  
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President

  
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Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer

