

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #6
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
April 12, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: Tyler Faucette, President; Ronald Reinhardt, Secretary/Treasurer; Rodney Reinhardt, Manager; Austin Miller, Manager; Gerald Faucette, Manager; Peter Clark, Manager; and, Robert Middlemist, Manager.

Absent: Virgil Valdez, Vice-President; Mario Curto, Manager; Kenneth Reynolds, Manager; and Armando Valdez, Ex-Officio Member.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Angelo Bellah, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Michelle Lanzoni, Virginia Christensen, Mitch Miller, and William Myers.

Meeting Called to Order

President Faucette called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Tyler Faucette led the opening prayer.

Approval of the Agenda

President Faucette asked for changes, additions or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Faucette asked for public comment. Mitch Miller asked to clarify the situation with his artesian well. He provided the historical groundwater withdrawals, reported on his pumping reduction and his desire to retain 150 feet. Mr. Miller reported not appreciating the comments made at the last meeting referring to “double dipping”. President Faucette explained the parameters set for the program and why his application was not approved. Discussion was held on the variance and history of the well. It was agreed for staff and an appointed Board of Manager to continue to work with Mr. Miller on the matter.

Approval of the 2024 Annual Replacement Plan

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

- **Board Discussion**

Angelo Bellah presented the Annual Replacement Plan (ARP). He reported on the number of wells covered in the ARP, the predicted forecast and acre feet of groundwater withdrawals. Discussion was held on phase seven (7) of the model and the possibility of increased depletions and, how the extended irrigation season impacted the Subdistrict. Mr. Bellah went over the projected stream flows, post plan stream depletions and the estimated net groundwater consumptive use. He highlighted the amounts and sources of replacement water. Mr. Bellah went over the forbearance agreements, assessments to fund ARP operations, water purchases, the Closed Basin Project split and described a new section in the ARP for the Twin Pines Ranch purchase. The Board requested a description of how the Subdistrict is working toward sustainability be added.

- **Public Comment**

William Myers asked what the Subdistrict needs in order to be sustainable. President Faucette explained the overage that occurred last year.

- **Recommendation to Board of Directors**

A motion was made to approve the 2024 Annual Replacement Plan with changes as discussed. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Other Director Reports/Comments/Questions

President Faucette asked for other Director reports/comments/questions. Angelo Bellah reported the Board of Directors would accept and appoint the new Board of Managers at their annual meeting next week. He also reported he would follow up with Mich Miller.

New Business

President Faucette asked for new business.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting was scheduled for May 8, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer