

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #5
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
January 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room
Alamosa, Colorado 81101**

Present: David Schmittel, President; George Whitten, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Kit Caldon, Manager; Corey Hill, Manager, and, Peggy Godfrey, Ex-Officio Member.

Absent: Dale Gerstberger, Manager

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason, David Hofmann; Patrick O'Neil, and Dee Greeman.

Meeting Called to Order

President Schmittel called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

President Schmittel asked for additions or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Kit Caldon to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by George Whitten and unanimously approved.

Executive Session

President Schmittel asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the potential purchase of real property. A motion was made by Kit Caldon to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by George Whitten and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session. All discussion would relate to the potential purchase of real property. The Board would take no formal position.

Action on Executive Session Discussion

Pete Ampe stated the Board was in executive session and had voted to come out. Discussion was related to a potential purchase of real property.

Approval of the Consent Agenda Minutes

- October 15, 2019-Quarterly Meeting
- October 16, 2019-Executive Session
- November 12, 2019-Special Meeting
- November 12, 2019-Executive Session
- December 4, 2019-Special Meeting
- December 4, 2019-Executive Session
- January 7, 2019-Special Meeting

A motion was made by George Whitten to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Cory Hill and unanimously approved.

Attorney's Report

President Schmittel asked for the attorney's report. Pete Ampe was present and provided an update on the other Subdistricts and reported the \$150 proposed Subdistrict No. 1 fee is being challenged.

Public Comment

President Schmittel asked for public comment. Patrick O'Neil highlighted the consensus workshop and stated it was a success and that he thinks the method would be a benefit to this Subdistrict. Mr. O'Neil provided the costs to continue the consensus and explained that the

Mosca Hooper Conservation District will begin fundraising to try and raise the needed funds to continue.

Program Manager's Report

President Schmittel asked for the Program Manager's report. Chris Ivers presented the Subdistrict tracking amounts and stated the expenses are from formation to now. Mr. Ivers provided the amount due to the District and presented a balance sheet.

A motion was made by George Whitten to approve the financials. The motion was seconded by Cory Hill and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ivers provided the changes that would be made to the Plan of Water Management before it is submitted to the State and Board of Directors for approval. Mr. Ivers reported on a stream gauge being installed in Saguache County and he provided estimate depletions as well as the post plan depletions. Discussion was held on the lack and need of forbearance agreements (Well Injury Payment) sign ups as well as the idea of a 20% reduction of pumping. The Board decided each member would go out into the public and speak with individuals regarding the pumping reduction idea and forbearance agreements and then report back at a special meeting to be held in Saguache.

Direction for Staff

President Schmittel asked for direction for staff. George Whitten said to just keep moving forward.

New Business

President Schmittel asked that the Board of Managers have a conversation with everyone on the creek about the 20% reduction idea and forbearance agreements.

Next Meeting

President Schmittel asked for the next meeting. A special meeting was scheduled for February 19, 2020. The annual meeting will be April 22, 2020.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer