SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #2 OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT May 26, 2021, 9:00 a.m. By Zoom/Teleconference

Present: Karla Shriver, President; Eric Hinton, Vice-President; Scot Schaefer, Secretary/Treasurer; Mark Deacon, BOM; Gerald Ziegler, BOM; Harold Stoeber, BOM; Michael Schaefer, BOM; and, Greg Higel, Ex-Officio.

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

Guests: Deb Sarason, Jeremiah Cummins, Chayito Espinoza, Ryan Unterrainer, Rick Davey, Rich Forrest, Jessica with RWR, and Alexis Cobb.

Meeting Called to Order

President Shriver called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

President Shriver added an update on the ATM study being done by BBA after public comment to the agenda. A motion was made by Michael Schaefer to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Harold Stoeber and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Shriver asked for public comment. There were none.

BBA Update

President Shriver provided an update on the ATM study currently being done by the BBA. Ms. Shriver reported Mike Saylor and Austin Mellott drafted a large report on ATM projects they had considered. Amber Pacheco reported emailing a draft copy of the report to the Board of Mangers for review. Ms. Shriver highlighted Mike Saylor and Austin Mellott would present and summarize the report at the next Subdistrict No. 3 meeting which other participating Subdistricts will be invited to attend.

Discussion Regarding Water Replacement Sources

President Shriver asked for a discussion regarding water replacement sources. Amber Pacheco presented a list of potential replacement options. Ms. Pacheco reported on a potential source from the San Luis Valley Well Owners if the water can be exchanged to the Rio Grande. She also highlighted a couple of sources that have been secured in the past including transmountain water, excess augmentation credit leases from the Town of Del Norte and the City of Creede. Ms. Pacheco reported interruptible water supply agreements would be considered as longer-term solutions. She also provided information on some of the options available, such as; ATMs; long-term forbearance agreements; water leases; the offer to Subdistrict No. 1 to purchase a portion of their stored water; and a potential opportunity to purchase a ranch near Del Norte. Ms. Pacheco reported augmentation wells were also an option.

Executive Session

President Shriver asked for a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(a) to receive legal advice concerning the lease/purchase of real property. A motion was made by Eric Hinton to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Michael Schaefer and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session to receive legal advice concerning the lease/purchase of real property. The Board would take no formal action or position.

Action on Executive Session

President Shriver asked for action on executive session. A motion was made by Mark Deacon to reinstate the original offer to Subdistrict No. 1. The motion was seconded by Michael Schaefer and unanimously approved.

Staff Direction

Staff was directed to continue to seek out wet water sources.

Next Meeting
The next quarterly meeting was scheduled for August 3, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Eric Hinton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Gerald Ziegler and unanimously approved. Verified by PDFFiller

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

E. Shine

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