SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #5
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
April 28, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room
And by Zoom/Teleconference

Present: David Schmittel, President; George Whitten, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; and Kit Caldon, Manager.

Absent : Dale Gerstberger, Manager; and Corey Hill, Manager.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, and Arthur Sayre, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Jessica Valdez, Tim Lovato, William Myers, Ryan Unterreiner.

Meeting Called to Order
President Schmittel called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. A quorum was present for the meeting.

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

Public Comment
President Schmittel asked for public comment. William Myers asked if the District Board approved the surface water rights on the Saguache Creek change case. Mr. Ivers confirmed it was approved at the last District quarterly meeting.

Review and Consider Bids to Drill Augmentation Well
President Schmittel asked for review and consider bids to drill augmentation well. Chris Ivers reported receiving a bid from Hydro Resources and Cooper Drilling. He provided the total base bid and the total bid with additive alternate on each bid received. He reported staff recommendation was to go with the lowest bid from Cooper Drilling. Clinton Phillips described the bid options. Pete Ampe suggested approval of all three (3) wells with a possible change order in the future. Mr. Ivers reported they should know if a third well would be needed after the first layer two (2) well is drilled on the State Land Board Property. Discussion was held on the mobilization costs.

A motion was made by George Whitten to approve/accept the bid from Cooper Drilling with the additive alternate for a total $1,983,314.00. The motion was seconded by Kit Caldon and unanimously approved.

Review and Consider Bids for Pipeline Construction
President Schmittel asked for review and consider bids for pipeline construction. Chris Ivers provided the names of the companies that submitted bids and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. Mr. Ivers provided staff recommendation to approve the bid from Mountain Valley Services.

A motion was made by Kit Caldon to approve/accept the bid from Mountain Valley Services for the pipeline construction in the amount of $197,266.52. The motion was seconded by George Whitten and unanimously approved.

Review and Consider Participation Contract
President Schmittel asked for review and consider Participation Contract. Chris Ivers presented the proposed Participation Contract. He explained how he was approached by Ryan Unterreiner who is responsible for managing a commercial wildlife well owned by the Bureau of Reclamation located on the Russell Lakes State Wildlife area. Mr. Ivers reported on Mr. Unterreiner's inability to plug and abandon the well and the need to get the well included in the Subdistrict in order to avoid being fined by the Division of Water Resources. He explained how the well would fit in the Annual Replacement Plan. Mr. Ampe highlighted the same contract is used on the other mitigation wells at

that location. Mr. Unterreiner provided the location of the well and why the federal well could not be capped at this time.

A motion was made by Kit Caldon to approve the Participation Contract with CPW. The motion was seconded by George Whitten and unanimously approved.

Next Meeting
The next meeting was changed from July 15, 2026 to July 14, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

President

Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer