

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #5
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
March 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
By Zoom/Teleconference**

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

Absent: Kit Caldon, Manager.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Allen Davey, Davis Engineering; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: John Gerstle, Cody Redden, Tim Lovato, Daryl Dinkla, Brian Rue, C.J. Weis, Chris Schaefer, Mike Kruse, Darrel Atkinson, Deb Sarason, Dee Greeman, David Hofmann, Craig Perrin, and Tom McCracken.

Meeting Called to Order

President Schmittel called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

President Schmittel asked for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Dale Gerstberger to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Corey Hill and unanimously approved.

2020 Annual Replacement Plan Discussion

President Schmittel asked for 2020 Annual Replacement Plan Discussion. Chris Ivers reported the partial year 2020 Annual Replacement Plan was not approved by the Division of Water Resources due to the lack of replacement sources on Saguache Creek. Discussion was held on potential sources of remedies and how the Subdistrict proceeds forward.

2021 Stream Remedies Discussion

President Schmittel asked for 2021 stream remedies discussion. Peggy Godfrey suggested the Board review the data Chris Ivers provided as a starting point. Discussion was held on a possible 30% pumping cutback and the impact it might have. Mr. Ivers provided an update on the conversations held at the Saguache Creek Water Users meeting he attended and that he doubted they will be willing to work with the Subdistrict in any way.

Pipeline Project Update

President Schmittel asked for the pipeline project update and asked the county commissioners that were present to comment on the impact no pumping would have on the members of the community. Tim Lovato and Tom McCracken reported not having enough information concerning the potential pipeline but do understand it could have an economic impact and hope for a compromise between the water users and well users. Mr. Ivers highlighted some of the obstacles the Subdistrict faces in connection with the pipeline.

CWCB Loan Update

President Schmittel asked for the CWCB loan update. Chris Ivers provided an update on the CWCB loan, he reported the Board would not need to consider anything at this meeting. Mr. Ivers highlighted other options that may satisfy the requirements of the Division of Water Resources in order for wells to be allowed to pump this year.

Executive Session

President Schmittel asked for a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice concerning the potential purchase of real property. A motion was made by Corey Hill to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Dale Gerstberger and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(a) to discuss a potential purchase of real property. The Board would take no formal action or position during the executive session.

Direction for Staff

President Schmittel asked for direction for staff.

A motion was made by Corey Hill to direct Chris Ivers to invite Ray Newmyer to present to the Board at one of the next meetings. The motion was seconded by Dale Gerstberger and unanimously approved.

President Schmittel asked if the public had any questions or comments. There were none.

Next Meeting

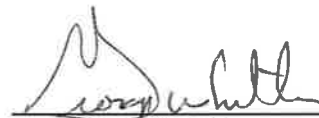
A special meeting was scheduled for March 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. The annual meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2021.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer