

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #5
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
April 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
By Zoom/Teleconference**

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

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

Guests: Deb Sarason, David Hofmann, Joe Smesny, William Myers, John Gerstle, Steve Lewerenz, Daryl Dinkla, John Buchanan, Calvin Coleman, Mike Dill, Monica McCafferty, Ryan Unterreiner, CJ Weis, Joann and Phil Ortega.

Meeting Called to Order

President Schmittel called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

President Schmittel asked for approval of 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 receive legal advice concerning the potential purchase of real property. A motion was made by George Whitten 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.

Discussion on Saguache Creek Remedies

President Schmittel asked for discussion on Saguache Creek remedies. Chris Ivers reported on the Werner Arroyo idea proposed by Tim Lovato. Pete Ampe highlighted the pipeline plan was discussed at the recent Saguache County Commissioners meeting. Mr. Ampe reported the county attorney believes the pipeline would require a 1041 permit. The costs associated with a potential pipeline project were discussed as well as the locations of different water priorities. David Hofmann commented on the different scenarios and answered questions. Pete Ampe explained the 35-day waiting period after an SWSP is filed. Allen Davey highlighted the purpose of a letter he wrote was to put some political pressure on the county commissioners to encourage cooperation. Discussion was held on forming a committee of surface water users and well users. Mr. Hofmann explained an idea of using the Tarbell Ditch transmountain water to meet the Subdistricts depletion demand. Calvin Coleman commented on the idea of leasing a portion of the Tarbell Ditch water to the Subdistrict. Mr. Coleman requested a written offer from the Subdistrict.

Direction for Staff


President Schmittel reported staff had received direction.

Next Meeting


A special meeting was scheduled for April 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. The annual meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2021.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer