

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

March 20, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101

And by Zoom/Teleconference

Present: Jake Burris, President; Clay Mitchell, Vice President; Tony Holcomb, BOM; Chris Miner, BOM; Jamie Hart, BOM; Miguel A. Diaz, BOM; James Cooley, BOM; Michael Jones, BOM; and Mike Kruse, Ex-Officio Member.

Absent: Brett Hemmerling, BOM.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Taylor Chick, Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; Crystal Benavidez, HCP Coordinator/Program Assistant; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason, Jason Lorenz, William Myers, Peggy Godfrey, Steve Keller, Brian Rue and Andrea Rue.

Meeting Called to Order

President Burris called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. A quorum was present, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

President Burris asked for changes, additions or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Jamie Hart to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Miguel Diaz and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Burris asked for public comment. There was none.

Discussion and Possible Action

President Burris asked for discussion and possible action items:

- **Bank Resolution**

A motion was made by Jake Burris to accept the resolution as presented, and I officially state, for the record, the people and positions that will be designated on the Subdistrict No. 1 bank accounts are: Cleave Simpson, General Manager, Amber Pacheco, Deputy General Manager; Taylor Chick, Program Manager; Jake Burris, President; Clay Mitchell, Vice President; and Michael Jones, Secretary-Treasurer. Furthermore, any modification to these signatories must be approved solely through action taken by the Board of Managers. The motion was seconded by Miguel Diaz and unanimously approved.

- **Budget Review, 2024 WPP Review and Fallow Discussion & Resolution for Fallow Program**

Taylor Chick presented the Balance Sheet. He asked for a discussion on the Subdistrict programs and the variable fee. Mr. Chick provided the dollar amount available for incentives. He presented a list of Well Purchase Program (WPP) bids received which included the bid amount and number of wells and quarters. Discussion was held on whether or not to offer a fallow program. Michael Jones commented on the immediate impacts of a fallow program and how it would not be a long-term solution. President Burris commented on the prevent plant program and how it benefited the Subdistrict. Tony Holcomb reported on issues with the fallow program and asked the Board to consider the amount of water savings for the cost. Mr. Jones highlighted the intent to entice interest. Discussion was held on how to potentially create a fallow program based on farm unit and the lack of participation in the CREP Program. Mr. Chick reported the Subdistrict could begin accepting bids for fallow and schedule a meeting next week to review the WPP bids. He presented the one year ranked fallow program resolution and explained how the bid system would work.

A motion was made by Michael Jones to accept the resolution as presented except for paragraphs five (5) and six (6) change the deadline to March 27, 2024. The motion was seconded by James Cooley. Jamie Hart wanted it to be clear that the Board has the right to reject any and all bids. Tony Holcomb was opposed. The motion passed.

- Recharge Project Discussion

Taylor Chick presented the Recharge Pit Project budget breakdown. He reported not having the designs available in time to request grant funding from the Roundtable. Mr. Chick highlighted the funding request process through the Roundtable and CWCB. Discussion was held on possibly breaking up the project into two (2) parts and the lack of funds in the budget to perform both at once.

A motion was made by Miguel Diaz to prioritize the White property for this year as presented today with the budget submitted.

Michael Jones commented on the beneficial data to be received from the project. Discussion was held on which Subdistrict property to construct the recharge pit on first. Mr. Chick presented a map and explained where the ponds would be constructed.

Miguel Diaz amended his motion to move forward with the project with the acceptance of the monitoring wells installed. The motion was seconded by Chris Miner and unanimously approved.

Mr. Chick reported he would work on the project and present to the roundtable next year.

- Saguache Creek Depletions

President Burris updated the Board on the latest model run and the potential for Subdistrict No. 1 to owe depletions to Saguache Creek. Discussion was held on using an augmentation well and/or purchase property in order to remedy depletions. The Board designated a committee to begin to explore and identify potential properties. Michael Jones, James Cooley and Miguel Diaz volunteered to serve on the committee.

Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice Concerning Potential Purchase of Real Property, and to Receive Legal Advice Thereto

President Burris asked for a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice concerning potential purchase of real property, and to receive legal advice thereto. A motion was made by Chris Miner at 3:05 p.m. to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Jamie Hart and unanimously approved.

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

Board of Managers Open Discussion

President Burris asked for Board of Managers open discussion. He asked for the process on filling the empty Board of Manager position left by Sheldon Rockey. Pete Ampe explained.

New Business

President Burris asked for new business. There was none.

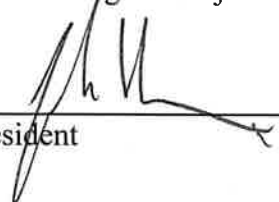
Next Meeting

A special meeting was scheduled for March 28, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

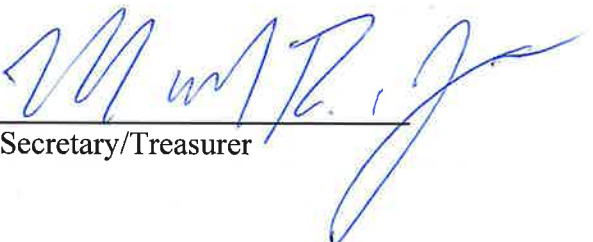
The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer



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RESOLUTION

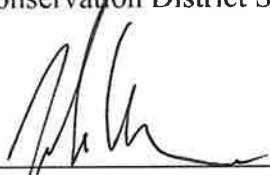
Whereas, the Special Improvement District #1 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District wishes to do banking with local banks in the San Luis Valley, and

Whereas, the General Manager of Rio Grande Water Conservation District shall be a signatory on all bank accounts held by the subdistricts, and

Whereas, the Board of Managers of Special Improvement District No.1 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District desires to have the Deputy General Manager, Subdistrict No.1 Program Manager, Subdistrict No.1 President, Subdistrict No.1 Vice-President, and Subdistrict No.1 Secretary/ Treasurer, as signatories on all bank accounts held by the Subdistrict and

Therefore, be it resolved, that Special Improvement District No.1 Board of Managers request that banks allow the General Manager, Deputy General Manager, Subdistrict No.1 Program Manager, Subdistrict No.1 President, Subdistrict No.1 Vice-president, and Subdistrict No.1 Secretary/ Treasurer to discharge the banking business of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Special Improvement District No. 1.

Signed on this 20th day of March 2024, at the special meeting of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Special Improvement District No.1



Jake Burris, President



Michael Jones, Secretary/Treasurer



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