

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #5
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
November 30, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
By Zoom/Teleconference**

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

Absent: Corey Hill, Manager.

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

Guests: Deb Sarason, David Hofmann, Tim Lovato, William Myers, Dee Greemann.

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 additions or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Kit Caldon to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Dale Gerstberger and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Schmittel asked for public comment. There were none.

Discussion Regarding 2020 Administrative and Groundwater Withdrawal Fee Assessments

President Schmittel asked for discussion regarding 2020 administrative and groundwater withdrawal fee assessments. Chris Ivers presented the budget that was approved in September, he reported finding an error in the calculations which he adjusted and highlighted the correct amount.

A motion was made by Dale Gerstberger to approve the budget as amended. The motion was seconded by Kit Caldon and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ivers highlighted how important it is for the Subdistrict to receive updated Farm Units each year as he explained how the fees are calculated. He provided the groundwater withdrawal fee, administrative fee and total fees to be assessed. Mr. Ivers reported including the Rio Grande Canal surface water credits which came in right around the budgeted amount. Discussion was held on contracting fish wells and Russel Lakes wells as well as the number of wells that have not contracted into the Subdistrict. Discussion was also held on marijuana grow wells and the classification of those wells.

Resolution to Approve 2020 Administrative and Groundwater Withdrawal Fee Assessments

President Schmittel asked for the resolution to approve 2020 administrative and groundwater withdrawal fee assessments.

A motion was made by Kit Caldon to approve the resolution to approve the 2020 administrative and groundwater withdrawal fee assessments. The motion was seconded by George Whitten and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ivers updated the Board on Well Injury Payment agreements and reported only Rio Grande Canal shares receive surface water credit. Deb Sarason commented on the anticipation of additional wells contracting into the Subdistrict and the nearing dead line.

Next Meeting

President Schmittel asked for the next meeting. A special meeting was scheduled for December 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer