

**SPECIAL TELEPHONE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #4
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
April 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
By Zoom/Teleconference**

Present by Telephone: David Frees, President; Pete Stagner, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Richard Blumenhein, Manager; Jan Waye, Manager; and Peggy Godfrey, Ex-Officio Member.

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

Guests: Deb Sarason, Ann Bunting and John Mattingly.

Meeting Called to Order

President Frees called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

President Frees asked for amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Jan Waye to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Richard Blumenhein and unanimously approved

Discussion Regarding Possible Replacement Sources

President Frees asked for a discussion regarding possible replacement sources. Chris Ivers reported on the tour of a potential reservoir site. Mr. Ivers stated they have not proceeded due to the quarantine but said they could proceed with engineering work at the site. Mr. Ivers asked for direction from the Board on how they would like to structure their Well Injury Payment Agreements. President Frees provided some dollar amounts and crop types, Mr. Ivers asked the Board for their thoughts and opinions. A reservoir construction site costs and fees were discussed. Mr. Ivers provided the Board with an update on a potential contract with the Fish and Wildlife on the Crestone Creek. John Mattingly asked what the alternative remedy to Well Injury Payments would be and what would happen if the Subdistrict was not able to deliver the required water. Mr. Ivers explained the State would not allow the Subdistrict members the use of their wells if they were not able to remedy injurious depletions. President Frees asked Clinton Phillips and Pete Ampe to provide an estimate for a survey and legal fees on the potential reservoir site. Mr. Mattingly commented on a potential reservoir and why he felt pumping a well into the stream would be more efficient. Discussion was held on a soil analysis, lining a reservoir, the depth of a reservoir, evaporation and a jurisdictional dam. Challenges of pumping wells into the stream were discussed and why a solution like Well Injury Payments would be a cheaper and much better solution. President Frees suggested they move forward with the cost of a survey on the potential reservoir site. Mr. Phillips provided a ballpark estimate. Mr. Ivers reminded the Board of the need to secure funding for a reservoir project if that is the direction they are going to go. It was agreed that Well Injury Payments would be the simplest approach, Mr. Ivers provided an explanation on how they work and how to start a discussion with surface water users. Discussion was held on a cost share agreement with Subdistrict #5 to build a reservoir. Staff was directed to research the potential costs of a reservoir, provide a list of water users that the Board could begin discussion on a reasonable monetary amount for Well Injury Payments. Discussion was held on offering a bonus payment for those who sign a Well Injury Payment agreement.

Next Meeting

A special telephone meeting was scheduled for May 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Pete Stagner to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jan Waye and unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer