

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #5
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
June 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

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

Absent: Dale Gerstberger, Manager.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Allen Davey, and Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: David Hofmann, John Gerstle, Patrick Shea, James Stephenson, Deb Sarason, Tyrell Mares, JoAnn Ortega, Mark Allen, Vic Singh, Jasmeet Sandhu, Anthony Lobato, and, Ryan Unterreiner.

Meeting Called to Order

President Schmittel called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

President Schmittel asked for any changes, 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 Corey Hill and unanimously approved.

Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice Concerning the Potential Purchase of Real Property

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 Kit Caldon to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by George Whitten 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 the potential purchase of real property. The Board would take no formal action or position during the executive session.

Possible Action from Executive Session

Pete Ampe stated the Board was in executive session and had voted to come out. Discussion was related to potential purchase of real property.

A motion was made by Kit Caldon to offer John Baxter \$50,000 for an easement to drill a well on his property with the same stipulations in the contract as before with the option to purchase for \$100,000.00. The motion was seconded by George Whitten and unanimously approved.

Discussion on Saguache Creek Remedies

President Schmittel asked for discussion on Saguache Creek remedies. Chris Ivers reported this item is on the agenda in case there are any new remedy ideas on Saguache Creek which need to be discussed. There were none.

Review of Bids to Drill an Augmentation Well

President Schmittel asked to review the two (2) bids that were received to drill an augmentation well. Chris Ivers presented the bids, one from Central Pump Company and the other from Cooley & Sons, Inc. Mr. Ivers provided the total base bid for each bid including the timing and total cost. Clinton Phillips reported Ray Newmyer would be the driller for Cooley and Sons, Inc. and David Cooper would be the driller for Central Pump. He reported who would install the pipe and the electrical. The Board agreed both companies are very capable of completing the work, one with better timing than the other.

A motion was made by George Whitten to accept the bid from Cooley & Sons, Inc. based on the estimate they provided to the Board. The motion was seconded by Kit Caldon and unanimously approved.

Discussion on Rules Governing Groundwater Withdrawal Allocations for Subdistrict Wells

President Schmittel asked for discussion on the Rules Governing Groundwater Withdrawal Allocations for Subdistrict wells. Chris Ivers highlighted a change made in the document referencing “probation” which was removed. Ryan Unterreiner asked if the Russell Lakes would have to abide by and meet the terms of the Rules Governing Groundwater Withdrawal Allocations. Pete Ampe reported there is no exemption to Russell Lakes in the Rules. George Whitten asked the Board to consult with the District Board of Directors regarding the Russell Lakes and the mitigation wells for the Closed Basin Project in connection with the Rules Governing Groundwater Withdrawal Allocations.

A motion was made by George Whitten to table consideration of the Rules Governing Groundwater Withdrawal Allocations. The motion was seconded by Kit Caldon and unanimously approved.

Direction for Staff

President Schmittel asked for direction for staff.

New Business

President Schmittel asked for new business. Kit Caldon asked Pete Ampe for an update on the 1041 process, Mr. Ampe provided.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer