

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #2
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

April 12, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101

And by Zoom/Teleconference

Present: Karla Shriver, President; Eric Hinton, Vice President; Scot Schaefer, Secretary/Treasurer; Michael Schaefer, BOM; Harold Stoeber, BOM; Gerald Ziegler, BOM; and Greg Higel, Ex-Officio Member.

Absent: Mark Deacon, BOM

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Angelo Bellah, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Crystal Benavidez, HCP Coordinator/Program Assistant; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: William Myers, Deb Sarason.

Meeting Called to Order

President Shriver called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

President Shriver asked for any changes or a motion to approve the agenda. The agenda was amended to add consideration of the Lariat Ditch agreement. A motion was made by Gerald Ziegler to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Michael Schaefer and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Shriver asked for public comment. There was none.

Approval of the 2024 Annual Replacement Plan

President Shriver asked for approval of the 2024 Annual Replacement Plan.

- **Board Discussion**

Angelo Bellah presented the 2024 Annual Replacement Plan (ARP). He highlighted the number of wells, the predicted acre feet of groundwater withdrawals and the NRCS forecast. Mr. Bellah went over the net groundwater consumptive use and reported on a problem with the fish well calculations in phase seven (7) of the model which will cause an increase in depletions. Mr. Bellah reported on the four (4) CPW wells, how they were calculated in the past and how they would be calculated now. Discussion was held on the effect the fish wells will have on the assessments. Mr. Bellah highlighted the replacement resources and explained the goal to monitor the forecast and rerun the response function as needed. Mr. Bellah reported language regarding long term forbearance agreements would be added.

- **Public Comment**

William Myers asked for clarification on the impact caused by the fish wells. Angelo Bellah explained the increase associated with the fish wells.

- **Recommendation to Board of Directors**

A motion was made by Scot Schaefer to recommend the approval the 2024 ARP with the changes discussed along with continuing discussions with DWR regarding fish wells. The motion was seconded by Michael Schaefer and unanimously approved.

Review and Possible Action on the Lariat Ditch Agreement

President Shriver asked for review and possible action on the Lariat Ditch Agreement. She reported, for the record that she, Harold Stoeber, and Mark Deacon own Lariat Ditch shares therefore recuse themselves. Pete Ampe went over the agreement in exchange for a permanent forbearance agreement and explained the possibility of needing a second forbearance agreement if the limits in the permanent forbearance agreement were exceeded. Mr. Bellah highlighted the cost to the Subdistrict.

A motion was made by Michael Schaefer to move forward with the Lariat Ditch permanent forbearance agreement. The motion was seconded by Scot Schaefer. Karla Shriver and Harold Stoeber recused themselves, the motion passed.

Other Director Reports/Comments/Questions

President Shriver asked for other Director reports/comments/questions. Michael Shafter asked if any other deals were on the table. Angelo Bellah reported there may be a few and will continue to have conversations.

New Business

President Shriver asked for new business. There was none.


Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

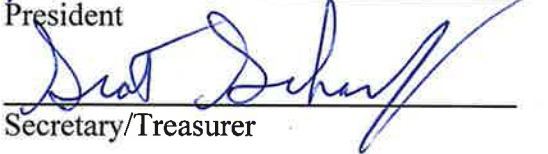
Adjournment

A motion was made by Gerald Ziegler to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael Schaefer and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer