

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #6
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
May 7, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room
Alamosa, Colorado 81101**

Present: Tyler Faucette, President; Virgil Valdez, Vice-President; Ronald Reinhardt, Secretary/Treasurer; Kenneth Reynolds, Manager; Gerald Faucette, Manager; Rodney Reinhardt, Manager; Rodney Archer, Manager; Mario Curto, Manager; and, Peter Clark, Manager.

Excused: Ted Heersink, Manager, and Armando Valdez, Ex-Officio Member.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Chris Ivers, Deputy Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Tim Carden, HCP Coordinator/Program Assistant; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason, Lisa Sykes, Gerrit Claunch, ⁷⁷ ~~Sketty~~ ^{sketty} Morris and Vernon Rivera.

Meeting Called to Order

President Faucette called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

President Faucette requested to add the Pledge of Allegiance to the agenda right after introductions and add Program Manager Report right after the Attorney Report. A motion was made by Virgil Valdez to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Rodney Reinhardt and unanimously passed.

Approval of Minutes

President Faucette asked for any corrections or additions to the February 12, 2019, Quarterly Meeting minutes. ~~Rodney Reinhardt~~ ⁷⁷ ~~sketty~~ ^{sketty} requested a change at the top of page 2, he said it should be from instead of to San Luis Valley Irrigation Well Owners. A motion was made by Mario Curto to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was approved by Rodney Reinhardt and unanimously approved.

Attorney's Report

President Faucette asked for the Attorney's Report. Pete Ampe reported no appeals were filed in the Water Court's decision, therefore, the Rules went into effect March 15, 2019. Mr. Ampe stated they have one year from March 15, 2019 to get a Plan of Water Management to the State Engineer for approval. Mr. Ampe reported after the Plan of Water Management is approved, the Subdistrict would then begin making replacements in 2020. Mr. Ampe stated pumping would be assessed in 2019 and would be due and payable in 2020 based off of the five (5) year running average.

Program Manager's Report

President Faucette asked for the Program Manager Report. Amber Pacheco provided the Board with an update on the Subdistrict expenses since 2018. Ms. Pacheco reported on the replacement sources Subdistrict No. 3 secured and how much had been accumulated and provided the Board with the total replacements on each of the stream reaches. Discussion was held on the possibility of a reservoir to use for storage.

Review and Edit Draft the Draft Plan of Water Management

President Faucette asked for the review and edit of the draft Plan of Water Management. Amber Pacheco presented the draft Plan of Water Management and went through each edit since the last meeting. Ms. Pacheco highlighted a change which would allow the Subdistrict to work with other Subdistricts rather than just the confined wells. Ms. Pacheco explained the method to determine sustainability and the requirements regarding proportionality. Discussion was held on the CAS Stipulation and its effect on Subdistrict No. 6. Ms. Pacheco stated the most recent draft of the Plan of Water Management is always on the website after each meeting. Pete Ampe reminded the Board of the three (3) step process to get the Plan of Water Management approved. Ms. Pacheco stated the Rules and Regulations will need to be worked on after the Plan of Water Management is approved. Ms. Pacheco described what is contained in the Rules and Regulations and she provided a timeline.

Mr. Ampe stated the Rules can be changed by a vote from the Subdistrict Board and the District Board and would not need to go to the State Engineer for approval. Discussion was held on the timeline of the Plan of Water Management, Annual Replacement Plan and the start date to make replacements.

Direction for Staff

President Faucette asked the Board for direction for staff. Pete Ampe stated staff would make the final changes to the Plan of Water Management and suggested holding a work session to discuss and brainstorm new ideas prior to the summer meeting. President Faucette stated he has been asked by the public for an idea on what the fees are going to be. Amber Pacheco stated she would try to put together a response function in order to provide some estimated fees. Ronald Reinhardt suggested sending a letter out to Subdistrict No. 6 members to provide them notice of fees in 2020. Mr. Ampe reported how the appeal process works and stated him and staff, along with Davis Engineering, would work on contracts for those wanting to contract into the Subdistrict. Mr. Ampe stated staff would also work on getting a work session scheduled the first part of June. Cleave Simpson reported the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board of Directors quarterly meeting would be conducted similar to last year and will include all of the Subdistrict boards and State Engineer Kevin Rein.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Virgil Valdez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mario Curto and unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer