

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
October 6, 2020 at 7:00 a.m.
By Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: Nathan Coombs, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Sam Vance, Manager; Warren Crowther, Manager; Doug Bagwell, Manager; Ruben Sandoval, Manager, and Dwight Martin, Ex-Officio Member.

Absent: LeRoy Salazar, President.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins; Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; and, Michael Carson, Database Administrator.

Guests: Deb Sarason, David Hofmann, and Brandon Martin.

Meeting Called to Order

Vice-President Coombs called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Doug Bagwell led the opening prayer.

Approval of the Agenda

Vice-President Coombs asked for any amendments or changes to the agenda. A presentation by Brandon Martin was added to the agenda. Action on the agenda was not taken.

Water Works-Brandon Martin

Vice-President Coombs asked for the presentation by Brandon Martin. Mr. Martin presented the details potential program to provide an incentive to Subdistrict Members that improve efficiency by installing Water Works irrigation equipment. He explained the different tier levels and highlighted the efficiency increase associated with each tier. Mr. Martin volunteered to show the Board the irrigation system in person if they were interested in seeing one. Vice-President Coombs reported water savings can be seen by increasing water efficiency. Discussion was held on the education component, incentive programs and funding options for the program. Ms. Pacheco was asked to provide ideas and ways to handle rebates and incentives at the next meeting.

Review and Possible Approval of the Subdistrict No. 3 2021 Budget

Vice-President Coombs asked for review and possible approval of the Subdistrict No. 3 2021 budget. Amber Pacheco presented the proposed Subdistrict No. 3 budget. She reported the budget was prepared using fees similar to 2019 and highlighted that the 5-year average groundwater withdrawals did go down.

A motion was made by Sam Vance to approve the Subdistrict No. 3 2021 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Ruben Sandoval and unanimously approved.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Request to Revise Table 2.6 of the Approved ARP for the Remainder of the 2020 Plan Year

Vice-President Coombs asked for discussion and possible approval of request to revise Table 2.6 of the approved ARP for the remainder of the 2020 Plan Year. Amber Pacheco reported the stream forecasts did not turn out as projected in the April ARP which impacts the depletion rates for the Subdistricts. Ms. Pacheco reported why the Subdistrict would need to revise Table 2.6 and provided the details of those changes. Ms. Pacheco's recommendation was to approve the revision to the Table 2.6.

A motion was made by Doug Bagwell to approve the request to revise Table 2.6 of the approved ARP for the remainder of the 2020 Plan Year. The motion was seconded by Warren Crowther and unanimously approved.

Consideration of Participation Contract Filed for William Christensen

Vice-President Coombs asked for the consideration of Participation Contract filed for William Christensen. Amber Pacheco presented the proposed Participation Contract Ms. Pacheco to include one inactive well to be included in the next ARP if approved. Discussion was held on whether or not Mr. Christensen had the opportunity to join the Subdistrict prior to now and if he would be assessed back fees.

A motion was made by Sam Vance to approve the participation contract for William Christensen including two (2) years of Administration back fees and a contract fee. The motion was seconded by Rueben Sandoval and unanimously approved.

Staff and Board Direction

Vice-President Coombs updated the Board gathering with the President and the Vice President of Subdistrict No. 3, Subdistrict No. 6 and the Trinchera Subdistrict for an information sharing session.

David Hofmann provided suggestions on how Table 2.6 could be handled when all of the Subdistricts become active. Ms. Pacheco reported the Division of Water Resources is converting to on-line meter readings only and reported how it will assist the Subdistrict.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer