

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
May 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: Jake Burris, President; Clay Mitchell, Vice President; Sheldon Rockey, Secretary/Treasurer; Jamie Hart, BOM; Tony Holcomb, BOM; Chris Miner, BOM; Miguel A. Diaz, BOM; James Cooley, BOM; Brett Hemmerling, BOM; Michael Jones, BOM; and Mike Kruse, Ex-Officio Member.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Amber Pacheco, Deputy General Manager; Taylor Chick, Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Angelo Bellah, Program Manager; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Peggy Godfrey, Steve Keller, Deb Sarason, Michelle Lanzoni, John Justus, William Myers, Sally Weir, Roger Sherman, Bill Paddock, Todd Smith, Greg Higel, Willie Hoffner, Kevin Rein, Randall Palmgren, Lynn, Mason Brown, Preston Harman, Craig Cotton, Josepn Stanoch, Mirko Kruse, Brian Rue, Andrea Rue, Shawn Schulz, Marcie Schulz, Chad Wallace.

Meeting Called to Order

President Burris 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 Burris asked for changes, additions or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Mike Kruse to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Clay Mitchell and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Burris asked for public comment. There was none.

Review and Discuss Comments/Edits with the State Engineer Regarding the Plan of Water Management No. 4

President Burris asked for the review and discussion on comments/edits with the State Engineer regarding the Plan of Water Management No. 4 (POWM4). President Burris thanked Mr. Rein for his comments to the POWM4 and for meeting with them. He asked for additional information on the hydraulic divide. Kevin Rein reported on the definition and how the State makes calculations. Craig Cotten reported on the more scientific approach of the Emery Divide and being alright with using the Subdistrict response boundary instead. Mike Kruse commented on a difference in the way credits would be treated in a political boundary vs. the response area. Clinton Phillips presented a boundary map. Discussion was held on using the Subdistrict boundary, response area, or Emery Line. President Burris asked for discussion and clarification on question No. 2 regarding sources of water that would receive credit. Craig Cotten addressed question No. 3 on the calculated 40% to be considered returning to the deep aquifer from flood irrigation. Kevin Rein addressed question No. 4 regarding distinguishing native water from imported water. Mike Kruse commented on water from the creeks returning to the unconfined aquifer and the goal to maximize the use of water. Mr. Rein reported on trying to regulate the aquifer to achieve and maintain a sustainable water supply. Discussion was held on recharge decrees and how the Subdistrict gives credit. President Burris commented on the focus and desire for the one-to-one plan to be successful. Mr. Rein responded to question No. 7. He reported on the path to sustainability and the need to see progress in the upcoming years. President Burris requested a change to the POWM4 effective date in item No. 6. He expressed his confusion regarding item No. 7 in connection with individual augmentation plans. Discussion was held on the next steps in the process.

Discussion and Possible Action-Revised Plan of Water Management No. 4

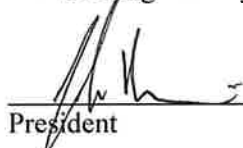
President Burris asked for discussion and possible action on the revised Plan of Water Management No. 4 (POWM4). Staff and consultants were directed to move forward with an updated draft of the POWM4 to be discussed and considered at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

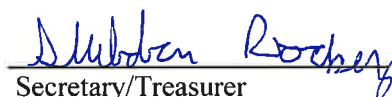
The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer