

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #4  
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
January 31, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.  
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM  
AND ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE**

**Present:** David Frees, President; Pete Stagner, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Jan Waye, Manager; Jeremy Uhlenbrock, Manager; and, Peggy Godfrey, Ex-Officio Member.

**Staff and Consultants:** Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and Michael Carson, Database Administrator.

**Guests:** Zeke Ward, David Hofmann, Chris Schaefer, William Myers, John Albert, Jerry Berry, Dick Sparks, Dirk Rasmussen, Trent Lund, Greg Higel, and Zack Frisch.

**Meeting Called to Order**

President Frees called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Approval of the Agenda**

President Frees asked for amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Jan Waye to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Uhlenbrock and unanimously approved.

**Public Comment**

President Frees asked for public comment. Jerry Berry asked for clarification on the lease and retirement plan of the circles. President Frees explained the revegetation plan and why farming the circles was the best plan. He also explained why they are not doing all of the fields at once and that the plan has been discussed during public meetings. Dirk Rasmussen reported receiving public input on the revegetation plan and encouraged additional input. John Albert described how he recalls the water use to run on his property and how pumping has affected his water. President Frees described the goal of the Subdistrict to restore the aquifer level and replace stream depletions. He highlighted the agreement with Ron Bowman and Colorado Open Lands.

**Contract Request from William Myers**

President Frees asked for contract request from William Myers. William Myers announced he was present to make his annual request to contract with Subdistrict No. 4 for his well in Subdistrict 5 with a couple of modifications. Staff was directed to make the requested changes, present and possibly approve the contract at a future meeting.

**CWCB Loan Update**

President Frees asked for CWCB Loan update. Chris Ivers reported attending the CWCB meeting to make the loan request which was approved. He provided the loan amount, number of years to repay the loan, interest rate and the payment amount. Mr. Ivers highlighted the timeline on the Peachwood Farms contract and the potential closing date on the purchase.

**Review and Consider Proposal**

President Frees asked for review and consider proposal. Chris Ivers presented the five (5) proposals that were received. He provided the total price of each proposal and what is they plan to plant. Discussion was held on the proposals and which one would be most beneficial to the Subdistrict.

A motion was made by Jan Waye to accept the top bid proposal for malt barley as proposed with the provision staff will work with the lessee to make sure their storage is in line with the Subdistrict's revegetation plan. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Uhlenbrock and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ivers reported David Heersink and David Brown with DD Thrashing, LLC were the successful bidders.

**New Business**

President Frees asked for new business. Jan Waye asked for the next steps to get bids for planting the crop. President Frees directed staff to move forward with an advertisement for a proposal for no till drilling of the revegetation crop. Dick Sparks reported on the crop to be planted as well as when and how long it would take to get drilled. Discussion was held on the materials being provided, herbicides, an agreement on pivot maintenance, and the availability of species. President Frees directed staff to make publications for two (2) proposals for bids. An update was provided on a work session held by the Board of Directors to discuss criteria to apply for funding from SB22-028. President Frees reported on a request from Saguache Ambulance to possibly store an EMS vehicle in a building on the Peachwood property. Discussion was held on the lack of access to the building.

**Next Meeting**

President Frees asked for next meeting.

A special meeting was scheduled for February 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.  
The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Jan Waye to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Uhlenbrock and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer