

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1  
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
October 16, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.  
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101  
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

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

**Absent:** Miguel A. Diaz, BOM; and, James Cooley, BOM.

**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; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

**Guests:** Brian Rue, Andrea Rue, and, Deb Sarason.

**Meeting Called to Order**

President Burris called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.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 Clay Mitchell to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Rockey and unanimously approved.

**Public Comment**

President Burris asked for public comment. There was none.

**Discussion and Possible Action Items**

President Burris asked for discussion and possible action items. He asked to have the discussion on recharge pits before the discussion on the Well Purchase Program (WPP) in order to allow time for the other Board of Managers to arrive.

- *When should applications be available for cost share for Recharge Pit Maintenance Program funded by 2024 Budget*

Taylor Chick presented the draft Recharge Pit Maintenance Program application. He reported on phone calls he received from individuals wondering when applications for the program would be available. Mr. Chick explained the program would be funded out of the 2024 budget. He described some of the criteria being developed for the program and reported a resolution would be drafted to establish the program. Discussion was held on how to incentivize maintenance or on the construction/practice of good recharge pits and being able to distinguish between a “good” or “not so good” recharge pit. Clay Mitchell reported he would conduct research/study efficient recharge pits. Mr. Chick reported on the water activity on the Medano and Lacy properties.

- *Potential for bids that were accepted under our Well Purchase Program (WPP) to opt out and enter into the SB22-028 Program with the Subdistrict No. 1 incentives*

President Burris provided a recap of the occurrences from the last meeting regarding a quorum. He reported the Board did not have a quorum, and no action was taken. President Burris and Mike Kruse recused themselves. Taylor Chick presented the Well Purchase Program (WPP) application. He highlighted the main section being discussed regarding the non-revokable clause. Mr. Chick explained the contracts could be revoked if both parties agree. He presented a list of the WPP contracts that have the potential to opt out and apply for the SB22-028 program funding with the incentives being offered by Subdistrict No. 1. Mr. Chick highlighted the payment difference and reported left over Subdistrict funds could go to fund the applications that were denied or reopen bids. Jamie Hart reported reopening the bidding process and having anyone interested reapply would be the fair thing to do. Chris Miner asked what the best way to advertise the program would be.

A motion was made by Sheldon Rockey to allow the five (5) contracts already accepted as bids for the WPP to withdraw their bid and give them the opportunity to apply for the SB22-028 program

with a December 29<sup>th</sup> timeline with direction to the Program Manager to reach out to them and provide them with their options. The motion was seconded by Michael Jones and unanimously approved.

Pete Ampe reported on the possibility of having to redo a portion of the budget that had already been approved and the Subdistrict's obligation to show the SB22-028 funds would not be replacing funds from the budget. Sheldon Rockey provided his recommendation to leave the budget as it is.

**New Business**

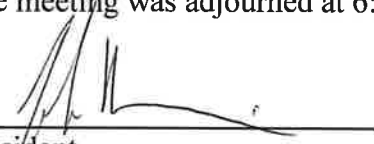
President Burris asked for new business. Michael Jones asked about marketing outreach. Discussion was held on newspaper advertising, newsletters and the amount of interest received since the bonus was offered. Cleave Simpson explained the SB22-028 application review process, conflict of interest and potential risks.

**Next Meeting**

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

  
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President

  
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Secretary/Treasurer