

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
March 4, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.
By Zoom/Teleconference**

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

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: David Hofmann, Deb Sarason, Mike Dill, and Monica McCafferty.

Meeting Called to Order

President Salazar called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Dwight Martin led the opening prayer.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

President Salazar asked for amendments or a motion to approve the consent agenda items:

- Agenda
- December 3, 2020-Quarterly Meeting Minutes
- December 3, 2020-Executive Session Minutes
- February 2, 2021-Special Meeting Minutes
- February 2, 2021-Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made by Doug Bagwell to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Sam Vance and unanimously approved.

Election of Officers

President Salazar handed the meeting over to Peter Ampe who announced the names and positions of the current officers and asked for the election of officers. A motion was made by Sam Vance to keep all of the officers the same. The motion was seconded by Ruben Sandoval and unanimously approved. Leroy Salazar remained President and Nathan Coombs remained the Vice President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Public Comment

President Salazar asked for public comment. There were none.

Attorney's Report

President Salazar asked for the Attorney's report. Pete Ampe reported on working with Subdistricts to secure water remedies and forbearance agreements for the 2021 ARP's. He updated the Board on Subdistrict Nos. 4 and 5 moving forward with partial ARP's and some commercial wells that received letters regarding non-compliance with the State's Groundwater Rules. President Salazar asked if the State would be lenient on the wells that did receive a non-compliant letter. David Hofmann highlighted how and when wells would be red-tagged.

Program Manager's Report

President Salazar asked for the Program Manager's report.

Financial Update: Amber Pacheco presented the financials and reported the Subdistrict is collecting fees and paying routine bills. She highlighted the forbearance payments to be made, the balance in the checking account and the amount of fees to be collected.

Report on 2020 Preliminary Water Report: Ms. Pacheco reported filing the 2020 Preliminary Water Report as she presented the Subdistrict monthly stream depletions for plan year. She reminded the Board of the amended depletion schedule and provided the final groundwater withdrawal numbers. Ms. Pacheco highlighted the five (5) year average. She also discussed conversations being held on potential ATM programs and the WaterSmart grant she had been working on.

Review and Consideration of Contracts Submitted for Inclusion in the 2020 Annual Replacement Plan

President Salazar asked for review and consideration of Participation Contracts submitted for inclusion in the 2020 Annual Replacement Plan.

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to ratify the Guadalupe Water Association Participation Contract in the 2020 Annual Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Ruben Sandoval and unanimously approved.

Discuss Progress on Annual Replacement Plan for 2021

President Salazar asked for discussion on the progress on the Annual Replacement Plan for 2021. Amber Pacheco reported on the current replacement sources and amount of water the Subdistrict has in storage. She highlighted the secured forbearance agreements as well as the ones she is seeking to get signed. Nathan Coombs provided an update on conversations he has had regarding forbearance agreements and questioned the release date of the new response function from the State. Discussion was held on the need for PRT meetings, sustainability, automatic renewing of leases and the amount of snowpack.

Executive Session

President Salazar asked for a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice concerning the purchase of real property. A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Doug Bagwell and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session to receive legal advice concerning the purchase of real property. The Board would take no formal action or position.

New Business

Pete Ampe highlighted the need for a special meeting in April to approve the ARP.

Next Meeting

A special meeting was scheduled for April 14, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The next quarterly meeting was scheduled for June 3, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.


Adjournment

A motion was made by Doug Bagwell to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Sam Vance and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer