

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #4
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
September 3, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
Rio Grande Water Conservation District
Alamosa, CO 81101**

Present: Jerry Berry, President; David Frees, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Ronald Bowman, Manager; Richard Blumenhein, Manager; and Peggy Godfrey, Ex-Officio Member.

Absent: Pete Stagner, Manager

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill and Robbins, P.C.; Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Chris Ivers, Deputy Program Manager; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Cody Reddin, Tyrell Mares, Deb Sarason, David Hofmann, Ray Miller, Patricia Rangel.

Meeting Called to Order

President Berry called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

President Berry asked for amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by David Frees to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Richard Blumenhein and unanimously approved.

Attorney Report

President Berry asked for the attorney report. Pete Ampe reported the timing of the Annual Replacement Plans and stated a partial Annual Replacement Plan will be accepted. Mr. Ampe explained the timeline of getting the ARP approved and reported when the Subdistrict would begin making replacements. Mr. Ampe stated the Subdistrict would continue to seek replacement supplies, forbearance agreements and provided an update on the other subdistricts.

Program Manager's Report

President Berry asked for the Program Manager's report. Amber Pacheco presented the Board with a financial update which included a Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet. Ms. Pacheco stated she will work with the state on timing and the district board on getting the Plan of Water Management approved.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Preliminary 2020 Budget

President Berry asked for the discussion and possible action regarding the preliminary 2020 budget. Amber Pacheco presented the draft preliminary 2020 budget and stated the budget hearing is usually held in December. Ms. Pacheco reported the Subdistrict will not be required to have an Annual Replacement Plan in place on April 15, 2020.

A motion was made by Richard Blumenhein to accept the preliminary 2020 budget. The motion was seconded by David Frees and unanimously approved.

Review of Draft Rules and Regulations

President Berry asked for the review of draft Rules and Regulations. Amber Pacheco presented the draft Rules and Regulations and highlighted each edit made since the last discussion. Pete Ampe stated the Rules and Regulations will be revisited in February or March after the Plan of Water Management has been approved.

Discussion Regarding Replacement Sources

President Berry asked for the discussion regarding replacement sources. Ms. Pacheco provided the board with some information on Well Injury Payments (forbearance agreements) and a call sheet analysis prepared by Clinton Phillips. Discussion was held on how the program would work.

General Board Discussion

President Berry asked for general Board discussion. Peggy Godfrey announced that she will introduce a resolution to cease production on phase 4 and 5 of the Closed Basin Project to the District Board at the September 9, 2019 meeting. Ms. Godfrey presented some background information regarding the proposed resolution.

New Business

President Berry asked for new business. Richard Blumenhein asked Pete Ampe to explain the Boards role in the water export. Mr. Ampe stated the Rio Grande Water Conservation board passed a resolution opposing the water export and stated this Board could also take a formal position. Mr. Blumenhein requested to add the water export discussion and possible action to the next meeting. A work session was scheduled to be held in the Town of Moffat in order to provide the public with more information on the Well Injury Payments program, how it works and take questions from the public.

Next Meeting

A Special Meeting was scheduled for October 12, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at the Town of Moffat Town Hall. The next regular scheduled meeting will be December 3, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

President

Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer