

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #4
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
July 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
By Zoom Teleconference**

Present David Frees, President; Pete Stagner, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Richard Blumenhein, Manager; Jan Waye, Manager; and Peggy Godfrey, Ex-Officio Member.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill and Robbins, P.C.; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Michael Carson, Data Base Administrator; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: John Mattingly, Ray Miller, Tyrell Mares, Ron Garcia, Chris Shaffer, Jeremy Uhlenbrock, Deb Sarason, and David Hofmann.

Meeting Called to Order

President Frees called the meeting to order at 9:07 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 Pete Stagner to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Richard Blumenhein and unanimously approved

Discussion with US Fish and Wild Life Services

President Frees asked for the discussion with US Fish and Wildlife Services. Chris Ivers provided an overview on the recent discussions held with the USFWS regarding contracting them into Subdistrict No. 4 and transferring any excess water credit to Subdistrict No. 6. Mr. Ivers reported the USFWS would not need to do a change case for the return flows but rather a change in the response function. Pete Ampe provided clarification. Mr. Ivers reported working with the Town of Crestone to finalize a contract and stated the Baca POA water right is owned by the Fish and Wildlife Services and would be included in their contract. Deb Sarason explained how the return flow credits are used to off set the depletions in the response function. John Mattingly asked about the Baca Water and Sanitation return flows, Chris Shaffer and David Hoffman provided clarification. A discussion was held on the water diversion of the Baca Water and Sanitation as well as the importance of a Well Injury Payment contract.

Discussion Regarding Well Injury Payments

President Frees asked for the discussion regarding Well Injury Payments. Chris Ivers asked for an amount to offer for a Well Injury Payment contract sign on bonus. Discussion was held on the necessity of a bonus, potential amount of a bonus, term lengths of the contracts and the concern of finding enough wet water. John Mattingly asked how many Well Injury Payment contracts are necessary, Mr. Ivers provided him with the number of ditches that divert water and suggested offering a sign on bonus to everyone that signs a Well Injury Payment agreement. The importance of creating good will between the Subdistrict and potential Well Injury Payment contract participants was discussed. Deb Sarason and David Hofmann provided clarification on the administration of Well Injury Payment contracts as well as the importance of having a portfolio of replacement sources. Pete Ampe highlighted the savings in administration costs when securing longer term Well Injury Payment contracts. Amber Pacheco stated the other Subdistrict call it a bonus payment rather than a sign on bonus. The cost savings to the Subdistrict when securing long term Well Injury Payment contracts and providing bonus payment incentives were discussed. Richard Blumenhein suggested an annual bonus rather than a one-time bonus in order to reduce the fluctuating of fees.

A motion was made by Pete Stagner to set the Well Injury Payment contract yearly bonus payment at \$100 for one (1) year, \$200 for three (3) years, and \$400 for five (5) years to be paid annually. The motion was seconded by Jan Waye and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ivers explained the process of getting the contract completed. Pete Stagner stated some individuals had not received the contract letter from the Subdistrict, Mr. Ivers reported he would check the addresses. President Frees suggested sending letters certified mail to the individuals who fail to respond back to the Subdistrict. Rose Vanderpool suggested the Farm Units be returned back to the Subdistrict each year regardless if changes have been made or not.

Discussion Regarding Replacement Sources

President Frees asked for the discussion regarding replacement sources. Chris Ivers stated they would continue to work on Well Injury Payment contracts.

Direction for Staff

President Frees asked if there were any other directions for staff. John Mattingly asked what the process is for contracting into the Subdistrict. Mr. Ivers explained each contract would be set up specifically for each well owner.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Pete Stagner to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Richard Blumenhein and unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 a.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer