

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #6
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
September 4, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room
Alamosa, Colorado 81101**

Present: Tyler Faucette, President; Virgil Valdez, Vice-President; Ronald Reinhardt, Secretary/Treasurer; Kenneth Reynolds, Manager; Gerald Faucette, Manager; Rodney Reinhardt, Manager; Mario Curto, Manager; Peter Clark, Manager; Rodney Archer, Manager; and, Armando Valdez, Ex-Officio Member

Excused: Ted Heersink, Manager.

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

Guests: David Hofmann, Virginia Christensen.

Meeting Called to Order

President Faucette called the meeting to order at 7:03 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

President Faucette asked for amendments or approval of the agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Review and Possible Action on Draft Plan of Water Management for Subdistrict No. 6

President Faucette asked for the review and possible action on the draft Plan of Water Management for Subdistrict No. 6. Amber Pacheco highlighted the changes made to the Plan of Water Management at the last meeting.

Public Comment

President Faucette asked for public comment. There were none.

Approval of Plan of Water Management for Subdistrict No. 6

President Faucette asked for a motion to approve the Plan of Water Management for Subdistrict No. 6. A motion was made to approve the Plan of Water Management for Subdistrict No. 6. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Presentation of Preliminary 2020 Budget (contingent on SEO opinion on timing requirement for the first ARP)

President Faucette asked for a presentation of the preliminary 2020 Budget. Pete Ampe reported the State Engineer and a representative from the Attorney General's Office stated the Groundwater Rules allow up to two (2) years to have an Annual Replacement Plan and will allow a partial Annual Replacement Plan. The Plan of Water Management will now be presented to and approved by the District Board and then submitted to the State Engineers office. Amber Pacheco reported on the recent budget work session and stated staff will continue working to get contracts for water and forbearance agreements. Ms. Pacheco went over the budget in detail. Discussion was held on doing a partial year Annual Replacement Plan and acquiring financing from Colorado Water Conservation Board if needed. President Faucette asked the Board for direction to give staff: either start the fees off high with the potential to lower them or start off low and raise them later. Discussion was held on where the fee should be set to fund the Subdistrict's first ARP.

A motion was made to get the Plan of Water Management to the District Board and to the State as expediently as possible. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

President Faucette opened up the meeting for public comment on the budget as well as further discussion from the Board. There were none.

A motion was made to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The expected Administrative Fee per well is \$220 and the expected Groundwater Withdrawal Fee per acre-foot is \$20. The final budget will determine the actual fees for 2019.

Executive Session

President Faucette asked for a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice and instruct negotiators concerning the purchase of real property. A motion was made to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session. All discussion would relate to the acquisition of real property. The Board would take no formal position

Action on Executive Session Discussion

Pete Ampe stated the Board was in executive session and had voted to come out. Discussion was related to receiving legal advice regarding the potential purchase of real property.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer