

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

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

Staff and Consultants: Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Chris Ivers, Deputy Program Manager; Tim Carden, HCP Coordinator/Program Assistant; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering, and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Jeremy Uhlenbrock, Deb Sarason, Mike Kruse, Matt Sanderson, Landon Marston, Sarah Van Horn, Patricia Reigel, Pete Stagner, Ann Bunting, Brian Morgan.

Meeting Called to Order

President Berry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Consent Agenda Including Minutes-March 6, 2019-Quarterly Meeting

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

Attorney's Report

President Berry asked for the Attorney's Report. Pete Ampe was not present. Amber Pacheco provided the Board with an update on the Ground Water Rules and stated no appeals were filed to the Judge's ruling. Ms. Pacheco also stated everyone is on a timeline to get into compliance with the Groundwater Rules and provided the due date of the Annual Replacement Plan. Ms. Pacheco also provided the Board with an update on Subdistrict No's. 2, 3, 5 and 6.

Program Manager's Report

President Berry asked for the Program Manager's Report. Amber Pacheco provided the Board with an update on the expenses and stated they would continue to keep a running tally until the Subdistrict has a revenue. She also reported receiving interest from a few individuals for the open Board seat but is waiting for formal letters of interest. Ms. Pacheco stated there are a few interested parties seeking to contract into the Subdistrict.

Discussion on Draft Plan of Water Management Revisions

President Berry asked for a discussion on the draft Plan of Water Management revisions. Amber Pacheco went through the Plan of Water Management and highlighted each edit that was made and asked the Board for their comments and questions. For the sustainability benchmarks, Ms. Pacheco suggested language to allow the Subdistrict to monitor withdrawals to see if the fees are enough to reduce pumping for the first three years. If after the first three (3) years the Subdistrict is not where it needs to be, a temporary or permanent fallow program will be offered, potentially as a CREP program, and if necessary, the Board of Managers may require a reduction of groundwater withdrawals.

Discussion on Draft Rules and Regulations

President Berry asked for a discussion on the draft Rules and Regulations. Amber Pacheco stated only a few changes were made to the Rules and Regulations and she highlighted those changes. Ms. Pacheco reported the appeal process is detailed in the Rules and Regulations and described how it works. She also reported the Rules and Regulations define how the fees are calculated, when they are processed and where the records come from.



General Board Discussion

President Berry opened the meeting up for general Board discussion. Amber Pacheco suggested the Board begin forbearance discussions and begin to help people understand what it means and how it works. She also discussed other options like augmentation wells, temporary fallow leases and provided the estimated historical and current year net stream deletions from groundwater withdrawals in the San Luis Creek response area.

New Business

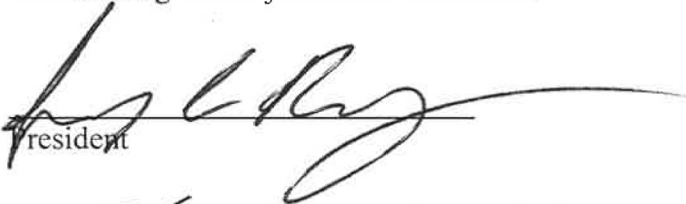
President Berry asked for new business. Discussion was held on whether or not the Subdistrict would incentivize, acknowledge and/or recognize individuals for practicing conservation by not pumping. Further discussion was held on potential conservation programs and Cleave Simpson reported how the CREP program operates and helps conserve.

Next Meeting


A special meeting was scheduled for July 15, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on September 3, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer

