

**SPECIAL TELEPHONE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #4  
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
May 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.  
By Zoom Only**

**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; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Michael Carson, Data Base Administrator; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

**Guests:** John Mattingly, Ray Miller, Kurtis Frey, Tyrell Mares, Cody Redden, and David Hofmann.

**Meeting Called to Order**

President Frees called the meeting to order at 10:32 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 Jan Waye to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Richard Blumenhein and unanimously approved

**Discussion Regarding Well Injury Payments**

President Frees asked for the discussion regarding Well Injury Payments. Chris Ivers asked the Board if they had a chance to discuss WIP with anyone. President Frees explained that he had not spoken to anyone due to the COVID-19 and felt the discussions needed to take place in person in order to reduce the chance of misunderstanding. Many of the Board agreed. President Frees announced he would be willing to enter into a Well Injury Payment on his water right on San Luis Creek and asked the Board of Managers if they had given any thought to their own operations. Discussion was held on a possible extension from the State due to the current circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 as well as any other possible Well Injury Payment agreements. Mr. Ivers provided the due dates and deadlines of the Annual Replacement Plan and stated the goal is to have it submitted by the first of the year. The calculation process was discussed as well as the idea of using wells to make up depletions and how it could be a possibility. Mr. Ivers explained only surface water owners would receive payments through Well Injury Payments and provided an explanation on how the payments are made according to the model. John Mattingly asked about a program that would offer a compensation to those who agree to not pump their wells. Cody Redden provided the current priority as well as the next calling right. Discussion was held on water administration. President Frees encouraged other Board Members to sign up for Well Injury Payments at minimal costs. Discussion was held on a possible credit system, who would benefit from it and how it might work for this Subdistrict. A possible reservoir site was discussed as another option if the Subdistrict does not get enough Well Injury Payment sign ups. Peggy Godfrey commented on the lack of water in the San Luis Creek and the operation of the Closed Basin Project. Discussion was held on Subdistrict No. 5 contracting Well Injury Payments with Subdistrict No. 4. Mr. Ivers explained what would happen if the Subdistrict did not have a Well Injury Payment agreement in place with a calling priority. The cost of stream gauges, location for the monitoring as well as costs to run stream gauges were discussed.

**Discussion Regarding Replacement Sources**

President Frees asked for the discussion regarding replacement sources. President Frees suggested they focus on securing Well Injury Payment agreements and discuss wet water solutions at a later time. Discussion was held on the options available if they do not receive 100% Well Injury Payment agreements as well as an incentive bonus payment. Chris Ivers was asked to produce a document other than a spreadsheet to show examples of what the Subdistrict members fees may be.

**Next Meeting**

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for June 2, 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 11:56 a.m.

  
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Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer