

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #6
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

August 3, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

8805 Independence Way

Alamosa, CO 81101

And By Zoom/Teleconference

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

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Marisa Fricke, Program Manager; Wylie Keller; Water Resource Specialist; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason and David Hofmann, DWR.

Meeting Called to Order

President Faucette called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

President Faucette asked for changes, amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. An executive session was added to the agenda to discuss a potential water acquisition. A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes

President Faucette asked for approval of the following minutes:

- April 14, 2021-Special Meeting
- April 26, 2021-Special Meeting
- May 11, 2021-Quarterly Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Faucette asked for public comment. There were none.

Program Manager's Report

President Faucette asked for the Program Manager's Report.

- *Financial Report:* Amber Pacheco presented the financial report. She highlighted the formation costs, reimbursements paid to the District and the remaining balance due. Ms. Pacheco presented the Balance Sheet and discussed the checking account balance and reported the checking account is earning interest. President Faucette highlighted that forbearance agreements are not booked until the end of the year. Ms. Pacheco presented the expenses for the Subdistrict and highlighted the water leases.

A motion was made to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

- *Update on Annual Replacement Plan Operations:* Amber Pacheco updated the Board on the Annual Replacement Plan; she provided the calculations of the percentage of depletions to-date remedied by wet water and forbearance agreements on each of the river systems. Ms. Pacheco provided the total estimated forbearance and wet water costs for Subdistrict No. 6. She also provided the estimated acre-foot amount of wet water sources and potential sources for next year. Discussion was held on the possibility of pumping an augmentation well and how it would work. Additional discussion was held on fallowing property and moving the consumptive use to different property.

- Update on 2022 Budget Process: Amber Pacheco reminded the Board of the budget process. A work session was scheduled to begin working on a preliminary budget to submit to the District by September 30th.

Attorney's Report

President Faucette announced Pete Ampe had returned to the meeting and asked for the Attorney's report. Pete Ampe thanked the Board for excusing him briefly and gave his report. Mr. Ampe added to the earlier discussion on what Subdistrict No. 5 is doing with moving groundwater well rights from place of use to an augmentation well closer to the stream. He highlighted some of the limitations and restrictions.

Discussion on Subdistrict Replacement Water Options and Next Steps

President Faucette asked for discussion on Subdistrict replacement water options and next steps. He provided an update on projects with BBA and the work being done to pursue an ATM on the Monte Vista canal. President Faucette highlighted the importance of forbearance agreements and explained how a rotational Fallow would potentially operate. Amber Pacheco provided an update on the Subdistrict No. 2 pilot program on the Centennial ditch that Karla Shriver is participating in. President Faucette asked Marisa Fricke if she feels there would be a chance for Subdistrict No. 6 to work with Subdistrict No. 1. He asked Ms. Fricke to let the Board of Managers of Subdistrict No. 1 know they are interested in working together to find solutions that would benefit both Subdistricts.

Discussion and Possible Action to Extend the Participation Contract with the City of Alamosa

President Faucette asked for discussion and possible action to extend the participation contract with the City of Alamosa. Amber Pacheco asked the Board of Managers to consider extending the participation contract with the City of Alamosa for two years. She highlighted what was covered under the last contract and provided the amount paid to the City of Alamosa. Ms. Pacheco reported on the benefits the contract brings to the Subdistrict and provided the return flow acre feet amount. No price was mentioned and no final approval was made. Staff was directed to draft a contract with the same terms for the City of Alamosa and send to them for their review.

Executive Session

President Faucette asked for a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice concerning a potential water acquisition. 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 pursuant to section 24-6-402(4) to discuss a potential water acquisition. The Board would take no formal action or position during the executive session.

Possible Action from Executive Session

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

Direction for Staff

Staff was directed to continue to pursue the potential water right purchase that was discussed in executive session and search for potential augmentation wells near the Alamosa River.

Next Meeting

A work session was scheduled for September 14, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer