

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #3
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
April 13, 2022 at 7:00 a.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101
And By Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: LeRoy Salazar, President; Nathan Coombs, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Warren Crowther, Manager; Ruben Sandoval, Manager; Sam Vance, Manager; Doug Bagwell, Manager; and, Dwight Martin, Ex-Officio Member.

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

Guests: David Hofmann and Deb Sarason, DWR,; Monty Smith; Steve Keller; and, Monica McCafferty.

Meeting Called to Order

President Salazar called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an opening prayer was said.

Approval of the Agenda

President Salazar asked for the approval of the agenda. Amber Pacheco added a Memo of Understanding with the Trinchera Subdistrict to lease up to thirty (30) acre-feet in exchange for their augmentation well water. A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Sam Vance and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Salazar asked for Public Comment. There were none.

Executive Session

President Salazar asked for a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice concerning the lease/purchase of real property. A motion was made by Sam Vance to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Doug Bagwell and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(a) to receive legal advice concerning the lease/purchase of real property. The Board would take no formal action or position during the executive session.

Possible Action Following Executive Session

President Salazar asked for possible action from executive session. A motion was made by Sam Vance to approve the contract for the purchase of water with the changes written up by Pete Ampe to remove the warranty deed clause. The motion was seconded by Nathan Coombs and unanimously approved.

Approval of the 2022 Annual Replacement Plan

President Salazar asked for the approval of the 2022 Annual Replacement Plan (ARP). Amber Pacheco presented a summary of the ARP. She highlighted the projected forecast of pumping, net groundwater consumptive use and the total impacts to the Rio Grande, Conejos and Alamosa Rivers. Ms. Pacheco explained why the Subdistrict has no wintertime depletions on the Alamosa River and provided the total post-plan impacts. Discussion was held on the model update and when it would be complete. Ms. Pacheco presented the monthly stream depletions for the ARP Plan Year and she highlighted the amounts and sources of replacement water acquired by the Subdistrict. Ms. Pacheco also highlighted the secured forbearance agreements. Discussion was held on a timing issue with the SWSP on the new purchase and the possibility to do a lease back option.

A motion was made by Sam Vance to authorize Nathan Coombs to negotiate the best possible deal on a lease back of the land the Subdistrict leased from Alpha Farms at a minimum of \$30,000.00 to the current owners. The motion was seconded by Doug Bagwell and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the Subdistrict No. 3 2022 ARP and present it to the District Board of Directors for consideration of approval. The motion was seconded by Ruben Sandoval and unanimously approved.

Discuss Possible Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding with Trinchera Subdistrict

President Salazar asked for the discussion and possible renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Trinchera Subdistrict. Amber Pacheco reported the agreement would be a renewal of what was approved last year.

A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Trinchera Subdistrict. The motion was seconded by Sam Vance and unanimously approved.

Ms. Pacheco asked the Board of Managers to consider leasing a portion of Expo water to Subdistrict No. 6 if throughout the season they should run out of their current sources on the Alamosa River. She explained such a shortage would shut down the entire Subdistrict No. 6. The Subdistrict Board agreed to consider the lease if Subdistrict No. 6 should need additional water to meet their replacement needs on the Alamosa River during the 2022 ARP Year.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting was scheduled for June 2, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.



President



Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer