

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #2
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
August 5, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
Rio Grande Water Conservation District Conference Room
Alamosa, Colorado 81101**

Present: Karla Shriver, President; Scot Schaefer, Secretary/Treasurer; Mark Deacon, BOM; Gerald Ziegler, BOM; Michael Schaefer, BOM; and, Harold Stoeber, BOM.

Excused: Eric Hinton, Vice-President; Greg Higel, Ex-Officio

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Attorney; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Chris Ivers, Deputy Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason, David Hofmann.

Meeting Called to Order

President Shriver called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

President Shriver asked for amendments or for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Scot Schaefer to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Harold Stoeber and unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes

President Shriver asked for additions, corrections or a motion to approve the following minutes:

- February 12, 2019-Quarterly Meeting
- April 12, 2019-Special Meeting
- June 5, 2019-Special Meeting
- June 5, 2019-Executive Session
- July 8, 2019-Special Meeting
- July 8, 2019-Executive Session
- July 23, 2019-Special Meeting
- July 23, 2019-Executive Session

A motion was made by Michael Schaefer to approve all of the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mark Deacon and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Shriver asked for public comment. There was none.

Attorney's Report

President Shriver asked for the attorney's report. Pete Ampe reported he has been working on a few potential purchases for this Subdistrict and provided the Board with an update on the other Subdistricts. Mr. Ampe stated the other Subdistricts are close to having their Plans of Water Management approved and continue to look for replacement supplies and remedies.

Program Manager's Report

President Shriver asked for the Program Manager's report. Amber Pacheco updated the Board on a well which Cheryl Santi wanted to contract in to Subdistrict No. 2 and explained what would need to happen if she were to contract into Subdistrict No. 2. Mr. Ampe added the State would have to modify the Rules to change the boundaries of the response area to allow the Subdistrict to contract with her. Ms. Pacheco reported she is also working on potential water purchases and stated this Subdistrict may need to acquire a couple hundred-acre feet for their 2020 ARP. Ms. Pacheco presented the financials which included the expenses due to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, a profit and loss statement and balance sheet. Discussion was held on putting the excess Subdistrict funds into an interest-bearing account.

A motion was made by Michael Schaefer to deposit the funds into a short-term CD. The motion was seconded by Gerald Ziegler and unanimously approved

Discussion on Preliminary 2020 Budget

President Shriver asked for the discussion on the preliminary 2020 budget. Ms. Pacheco reported what was approved last year and included what has been collected in 2019 so far. Ms. Pacheco reported how the budget is broken up and highlighted the fees needed and each expenditure. Discussion was held on using overage from the Subdistrict toward the cost owed to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District. Ms. Pacheco presented the proposed operations expenditures for professional services, water management, and reimbursement to the general fund. Ms. Pacheco provided the Board with the pumping numbers from past years. Discussion was held on forbearance agreements and finding a better solution for wet water.

New Business

President Shriver asked for new business. Michael Schaefer suggested the Board think “outside the box” to come up with different ideas to benefit the Subdistrict. The Board discussed other options including alternate measuring methods and prepaying the compact. President Shriver questioned if the flows of the Closed Basin Project would be sufficient for all Subdistricts. Pete Ampe provided the flows and stated they cut pumping down in order to aid the aquifer due to the drought. Amber Pacheco reported a group of individuals are questioning the Closed Basin Project and would like to see it shut down.

Next Meeting

A special meeting was scheduled for September 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2019.

Adjournment

President Shriver asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Scot Schaefer to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Harold Stoeber and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer