

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Thursday, January 14, 2016

10:30 A.M.

Bureau of Reclamation Conference Room

Alamosa, CO 81101

Present: Brian David, Vice-President; Kent Palmgren, Secretary/Treasurer; Peggy Godfrey, Director; Mike McClure, Director; Lewis Entz, Director; Cory Off, Director, Dwight Martin, Director

Excused: Greg Higel, President and Lawrence Gallegos, Director

Staff: Steve Vandiver, General Manager; Cheryl Anderson, Office Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Brian David called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice-President Brian David asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Cory Off to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice President Brian David asked for public comment. No public comment.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Vice-President Brian David asked for the Manager's Report. Steve Vandiver gave an update on the following:

Mr. Vandiver reported Colorado Water Congress met on Tuesday January 12, 2016 regarding new statutes changes that will be introduced as well as the Public Trust Doctrine. He commented he will keep the Board informed and will be asking for guidance.

Cory Off asked if there was any other Western state that does not use the Doctrine of Prior Appropriation. Steve Vandiver commented Wyoming operates through permits by the State Engineer not court decrees but felt the answer is no even though there are various forms of how systems are set up and administered. He said New Mexico is almost identical to Colorado.

Mr. Vandiver reported on the Conejos Clean Water group that is proposing a 64,000 acre expansion for the Rio Grande- Del Norte National Monument that will include the Rio Grande to Conejos and the State line to Los Sauces. The District will be working with the Congressional Delegation on the provisions.

He commented the other Subdistrict's are moving forward. Subdistrict #3 is ready to have meetings and Subdistrict #4 is close to public meetings but they are all still in progress.

DISCUSSION ON GENERAL MANAGER POSITION:

Brian David asked for discussion on the General Manager position. The Board reviewed the list of applicants and a discussion was held.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Dwight Martin made the motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Cory Off. The motion was passed unanimously

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

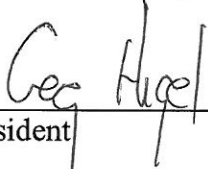
Vice-President Brian David reported the Board was in executive session and voted to come out. While in executive session no actions or formal votes were taken and the only matters discussed related to personnel issues. Cory Off made the motion to contact Amber Pacheco, Robert

Phillips, Cleave Simpson and John Apambilla Akudago to interview for the General Manager position. The motion was seconded by Dwight Martin and was unanimously approved.

Cory Off made the motion to conduct interviews on January 21, 2016, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

There was a motion to adjourn, seconded and passed unanimously.



President



Secretary/Treasurer