

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

**Monday, January 25, 2016**

**9:00A.M.**

**Bureau of Reclamation Conference Room**

**Alamosa, CO 81101**

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

**Staff:** Steve Vandiver, General Manager; Cheryl Anderson, Office Manager; Cleave Simpson, Program Manager.

**Guests:** Wayne Schwab, Trinchera Irrigation District

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Higel called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Higel 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 was unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Higel asked for public comment. No public comment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-I**

A motion was made by Cory Off and seconded by Peggy Godfrey to enter into an executive session at 9:15 a.m. The motion was passed unanimously.

**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION-I**

The Board was in Executive Session and voted to come out. There was no action or formal votes taken and the only matters discussed related to personnel issues. Cory Off made the motion to hire Cleave Simpson as the new General Manager for the District. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey. Cory Off requested a roll call vote.

Brian David-Yes

Mike McClure-Yes

Lewis Entz-Yes

Dwight Martin-Yes

Lawrence Gallegos-Yes

Cory Off-Yes

Peggy Godfrey-Yes

Kent Palmgren-Yes

The motion passed unanimously

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Colorado Water Congress Board of Directors Position. Cory Off asked if Cleave Simpson would be interested in the Colorado Water Congress Board position. Steve Vandiver stated interested parties need to submit an application. Further discussion was held by the Board regarding funding the position for Colorado Water Congress. Cory Off made a motion to fund the position if it is someone the Board is comfortable with and that represents the District. Peggy Godfrey seconded the motion. Cory Off withdrew the motion.

Cory Off made a motion to rescind the motion made at the January 19, 2016, District Board meeting to fund the Colorado Water Congress Board position. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and was passed unanimously.

Cory Off made a motion to fund the position with Colorado Water Congress Board if the representative is affiliated with the Rio Grande Water Conservation District. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and was passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-II**

A motion was made by Brian David and seconded by Lawrence Gallegos to enter into a second executive session. The motion was passed unanimously.

**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION-II**

The Board was in Executive Session and voted to come out. There were no actions or formal votes taken and the only matters discussed related to personnel issues. Staff within the District that applied for the General Manger position were notified of the selection. President Higel requested a notification letter be sent to outside applicants and to contact Ruth Heide with the Valley Courier to run an article on Cleave Simpson.

**OTHER REPORTS**

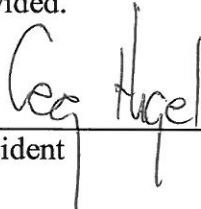
Cleave Simpson asked if there was a decision made for the Colorado Water Congress Board position. President Higel commented no decision was made and he will keep the Board updated. Cory Off commented the motion was to fund the position as long as the representative was affiliated with the Board.

Cleave Simpson provided the Board a handout regarding notes and ideas on the transition into the General Manager position.

A discussion was held by the Board regarding David Robbins and Greg Higel traveling to Washington D.C to represent the District and express concerns on water issues in the Valley.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A Special Meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 29, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

  
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President

  
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Secretary/Treasurer