

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

Monday, April 12, 2016

3:30 P.M.

**Rio Grande Water Conservation District 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; Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Cheryl Anderson, Office Manager; Jesse Geis, Database Administrator; Alberta Medina, Administrative Assistant, Rob Phillips, Program Manager; Pete Ampe, District Attorney.

Guests: Ernie Myers, Asier Artaechevarria, Jamie Hart, Tony Holcomb, Brian Brownell, Jake Burris, and Carla Worley

CALL TO ORDER

President Greg Higel called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Greg Higel asked for a motion to approve the agenda. The new subdistrict appointee was moved up to the first item on the agenda. A motion was made by Cory Off to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

Asier Artaechevarria introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Artaechevarria thanked Randall Palmgren for his service.

Appointment of Asier Artaechevarria to the Board of Managers of Subdistrict No.1.

Peggy Godfrey made a motion to appoint Asier Artaechevarria to the Board of Managers of Subdistrict #1. The motion was seconded by Kent Palmgren and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Higel asked for a motion to approve or amend the following minutes:

January 14, 2016 – A motion was made by Cory Off and seconded by Peggy Godfrey to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

January 19, 2016 – A motion was made by Cory Off and seconded by Peggy Godfrey to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

January 25, 2016 – A motion was made by Cory Off and seconded by Peggy Godfrey to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

February 29, 2016 – A motion was made by Cory Off and seconded by Lewis Entz to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

2016 ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN – SUBDISTRICT #1

Rob Phillips gave a presentation of the highlights of the 2016 Annual Replacement Plan. This is the 5th ARP that the subdistrict has put together. Discussion was had by the Board on the 2016 Annual Replacement Plan. Staff recommended reservoir releases of water for depletions owed by Subdistrict #1 to the Rio Grande which was approved. Injurious depletions will be made by reservoir releases this in 2016 in order to save cost on storage.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Greg Higel asked for public comment. No public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Resolution to consider Subdistrict No 1. to use a portion of the Closed Basin Project for the replacement of injurious depletions.** Dwight Martin made a motion to accept

the Resolution and it was seconded by Lewis Entz. Lawrence Gallegos and Peggy Godfrey opposed the motion. The motion passed and was approved.

2. **Action on the 2016 Annual Replacement Plan.** Dwight Martin made a motion to adopt the 2016 Annual Replacement Plan and it was seconded by Kent Palmgren. The motion passed unanimously.

Cleave Simpson suggested to organize a work session with Subdistrict #1 to focus exclusively on aquifer recovery in the fall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Brian David made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Dwight Martin. The motion was unanimously approved.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

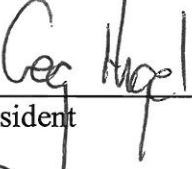
President Greg Higel reported the Board was in executive session and voted to come out. President Higel asked for a Motion to amend the Agenda. Cory Off moved that the agenda be amended to add the Executive Session and the Letter of Offer of Employment for Cleave Simpson. A second to the motion was given by Lewis Entz and unanimously approved.

The discussed the purchase of the Medano Ranch for the benefit of Subdistrict #1. Peggy Godfrey moved that the Board approve the purchase of the land for Subdistrict #1. Lawrence Gallegos seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

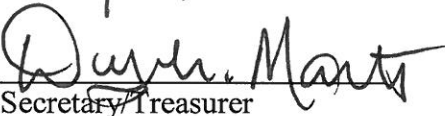
The Board accepted the Letter of Employment for Cleave Simpson as the new General Manager for Rio Grande Water Conservation District. Peggy Godfrey made a motion to adopt the Letter of Employment for the new General Manager, Cleave Simpson. Cory Off seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer