

**RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2017
1:30 P.M.**

RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM

Present: Greg Higel, President, Brian David, Vice-President; Dwight Martin, Secretary/Treasurer; Peggy Godfrey, Director; Cory Off, Director; Bill McClure, Director; Lawrence Gallegos, Director (by telephone); Lewis Entz, Director (by telephone); and, Mike McClure, Director (by telephone).

Staff: Cleave Simpson, General Manager; David Robbins, District's attorney (by telephone); and, Linda Ramirez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Kirk Thompson.

President Higel called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. There was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Higel asked for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Bill McClure to approve the agenda and seconded by Cory Off. The motion was unanimously passed.

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President Higel asked Kirk Thompson to address the Board. Mr. Thompson asked the Board to consider supporting him for the position of Colorado Water Conservation Board Director. Mr. Thompson stated that Travis Smith has been a strong voice and he would like to see that strong voice continue. Mr. Thompson stated he has 25 years of experience in water engineering and recognizes the different uses of water in the Valley.

David Robbins addressed the Board and stated the Board has several options in this matter. The Board is not obligated to write a letter of recommendation for anyone; the Board can support one candidate; or, the Board can write a letter supporting both candidates.

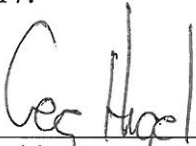
President Higel stated he has heard out in the public that Armando Valdez has also applied for this position. Cleave Simpson stated that the only two candidates that have come to the Board for support are Heather Dutton and Kirk Thompson.

Kirk Thompson was excused from the meeting and the matter was opened for discussion among the Board. President Higel took a straw poll around the room and support was split. President Higel commented that the Governor has parameters that he uses to confirm a candidate for an appointment.


Cory Off made a motion to write a letter supporting both candidates. The motion was seconded by Bill McClure and unanimously passed.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held on February 27, 2017.



President



Secretary/Treasurer