

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

Thursday, September 24, 2015

7:00 p.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

Present (by telephone): Lawrence Gallegos, Director

Excused: Cory Off, Director

Unexcused: Dwight Martin, Director

Staff: Steve Vandiver, Cleave Simpson, Amber Pacheco, Peter Ampe

Guests: Matthew Leach and Lillian Adams, Wall, Smith and Bateman; Karla Shriver,
Subdistrict #2 Work Group; Wayne Schwab, self

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. There was a quorum present for the meeting.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2014 ANNUAL AUDIT-WALL, SMITH AND BATEMAN

Matthew Leach and Lillian Adams presented the 2014 Annual Audit to the Board. The opinion of the auditors was unmodified and there were no issues found during the audit.

**PRESENTATION OF RIO GRANDE ALLUVIAL SUBDISTRICT COURT PETITION
TO FORM SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE RIO GRANDE
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Cleave Simpson presented the list of Rio Grande Alluvium Response Area wells and described the scenarios that existed for wells that did not sign a petition to join the subdistrict. Some of these were entities that could only contract with the subdistrict once formed because of their organizational structures. Others were well owners that chose not to sign a petition for a number of reasons. Cleave reminded the Board that he and other staff had made some form of contact with every owner on file to allow them the opportunity to sign a petition. He reminded the Board that the conceptual plan did include the possibility for contracting with the subdistrict once the subdistrict is formed.

Karla Shriver, Rio Grande Alluvium Response Area work group member, respectfully asked that the Board of Directors approve the petitions presented and to approve the filing with the court so that the subdistrict could be formed and the work to manage the aquifer could begin.

Kent Palmgren made a motion to resolve that the Board of Directors hereby approve the individual petitions collected and approve the filing of the court petition to establish Special Improvement District No. 2 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District. The motion was seconded by Brian David and passed unanimously.

Peter Ampe explained that they would file the court petition electronically with Rio Grande County District Court in the next week. He said once the petition is filed, the court will set a hearing date not less than 60 days and not more than 90 days from the filing date. Once the court petition is filed, objections to the establishment of the subdistrict can be submitted up to 30 days before the hearing date. Once the subdistrict is approved by the court, the next step is to put together a board of managers. The board of managers will then be responsible for putting together the detailed Plan of Water Management. The drafted Plan is submitted to the District Board for approval and then submitted to the State Engineer. If any objections to the Plan are filed with the State Engineer, the Plan goes to court.

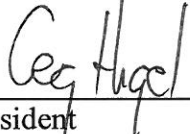
UPDATE ON BUILDING PROGRESS

The Board was shown a slideshow of pictures showing the progress made on the new District office building.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for October 20, 2015.



President



Secretary/Treasurer