

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

Monday, July 13, 2015

1:00 p.m.

Bureau of Reclamation Conference Room

Alamosa, CO 81101

Present: Greg Higel, President; Brian David, Vice-President; Dwight Martin, Director; Peggy Godfrey, Director; Mike McClure, Director; Lawrence Gallegos, Director; Lewis Entz, Director (via telephone).

Excused: Kent Palmgren Secretary/Treasurer; Cory Off, Director

Staff: Amber Pacheco, Jesse Geis, Steve Vandiver, Rob Phillips, Cheryl Anderson, Peter Ampe (via telephone).

Guests: Larry Schreiner, Mark Jones

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. There was a quorum present for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Higel asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Dwight Martin made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Lawrence Gallegos and was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Higel asked for public comment. No public comment.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON BID PROPOSAL'S FOR OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT

Steve Vandiver opened discussion on the bid proposal for the new office building project. Mark Jones and Larry Schreiner were present to answer any questions the Board may have. Mr. Vandiver explained the bid amounts received. Mark Jones had met with Van Iwaarden Builders on ways to cut costs and to develop a value engineering list. The Board members were given a copy (which is attached to the minutes).

Mr. Vandiver commented there is about \$1.52 million in savings which half is committed to use for the project and the rest a loan. He also said they are seeing some savings in salaries and consulting fees which should carry over. Approximately \$200,000 - \$300,000 more is needed to complete the project and he asked the Board to consider approving more funds to the project. He also mentioned bids did not include the furniture or equipment.

A discussion was held by the Board regarding budget and the suggested changes on the value engineering option list.

Lawrence Gallegos made a motion to accept Van Iwaarden's bid of \$1,863,000 which would be reduced by the cost saving adjustments in landscaping. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and was unanimously approved.

Steve Vandiver commented Mark Jones was able to get Rio Grande County to donate decorative rock for the building and proposed a formal thank you from the Board to the Rio Grande County Commissioners. Mr. Vandiver also commented cash funds will be used first for the project and then loans.

Dwight Martin made a motion to make available \$1.1 million in current budget for the new office building project. The motion was seconded by Brian David and was unanimously approved.

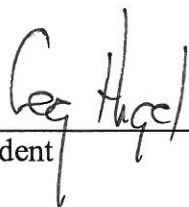
OTHER ACTIONS

1. Resolution to approve and sign loan documents for Office Building Project. Dwight Martin made a motion to approve the resolution to authorize the Board President to sign

loan documents related to the office building project. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

There was a motion to adjourn. It was seconded and passed unanimously. The next regular meeting was scheduled for July 21, 2015.



President



Secretary/Treasurer