

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #6
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
November 5, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101
AND BY ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE**

Present: Tyler Faucette, President; Virgil Valdez, Vice-President; Ronald Reinhardt, Secretary/Treasurer; Mario Curto, Manager; Rodney Reinhardt, Manager; Gerald Faucette, Manager; Austin Miller, Manager; Peter Clark, Manager; Robert Middlemist, Manager; and, Virginia Christensen, Manager

Absent: Armando Valdez, Ex-Officio Member.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Angelo Bellah, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Amber Pacheco, Deputy General Manager; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; Taylor Chick, Program Manager; Crystal Benavidez, HCP Coordinator/Program Assistant; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Jamie Hart, Jason Lorenz, William Myers, Chris Schaefer, and, Michelle Lanzoni.

Meeting Called to Order

President Faucette called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Gerald Faucette led the opening prayer.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

President Faucette asked for any changes/amendments or a motion to approve the consent agenda items:

- Agenda
- August 6, 2024-Quarterly Meeting Minutes
- August 6, 2024-Executive Session Minutes
- August 30, 2024-Special Meeting Minutes
- September 19, 2024-Special Meeting Minutes
- September 19, 2024-Executive Session Minutes
- October 14, 2024-Special Meeting Minutes
- October 14, 2024-Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Faucette asked for public comment. There was none.

Attorney's Report

President Faucette asked for the Attorney's report. Pete Ampe gave an update on the other Subdistricts and their efforts toward sustainability and securing permanent water supplies. He reported on the work to be done to renew SWSPs in the upcoming months. Mr. Ampe explained the switch from the Terrace SWSP to the Expo SWSP and the push to get contracts completed. He gave an update on the Texas vs New Mexico and Colorado case and the States' desire to set a trial date. President Faucette asked if staff could handle the SWSP renewals.

Engineer's Report-Clinton Phillips

President Faucette asked for the Engineer's report. Clinton Phillips presented the Subdistrict #6 Alamosa/La Jara Monitoring Wells map. He went over the change compared to the 2015 baseline and 2023 by model layer. Virgil Valdez questioned the September measurement for Ala 6. Mr. Phillips reported he would look into it.

Program Manager's Report

President Faucette asked for the Program Manager's report.

- *Financial Report*

Angelo Bellah presented the financial report, he went over the formation costs, reimbursements to the District, expenses paid by the District since formation, expenses reimbursed and the amount remaining due. Mr. Bellah presented the Balance Sheet, he went over the assets, liabilities and equity. He then presented the Profit and Loss Statement and went over the total income, total expenses and net income. Kylie Gregg explained how and when revenues would be booked. Mr. Bellah presented, at the Boards

request, the Transaction Detail by Account for miscellaneous expenses and the quarterly Profit and Loss Statement with a list of assets. Rodney Reinhardt asked to see the Subdistrict's income in order to understand their financial status. Discussion was held on the income the Subdistrict had not yet received.

A motion was made to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

- 2024 Irrigation Season Update

Angelo Bellah went over the acre feet covered by forbearance agreements on the Rio Grande, Alamosa and Conejos Rivers for August through October. He also provided the current reservoir balances. Discussion was held on long-term plans once the five (5) year limits are up on the current SWSPs. Mr. Bellah presented a memo from BBA concerning the Parma Drain and fish wells. The to be determined CU rate, a meeting with DWR and meters to be installed were discussed. Angelo Bellah highlighted the 2024 ARP forbearance bonuses to be paid in December. He reported on the approval of the Alamosa Creek Canal SWSP, recharge operations and explained the need to secure additional Terrace storage agreements.

- 2025 Irrigation Season

Mr. Bellah went over the 2025 irrigation season projects including the Taos Valley No. 3 SWSP. Jason Lorenz described the challenge of getting water into the Rio Grande Reservoir. Mr. Bellah asked the Board to consider the amount of water they wish to store in the Platoro and Rio Grande Reservoirs and how much they want to use for daily depletions during the irrigation season and outside the irrigation season. Discussion was held on the potential amount of depletions in 2025 and amount of shrinkage from the reservoirs. Mr. Lorenz explained the order of operations to be directed by the San Luis Valley Irrigation Well Owners.

A motion was made on the agreement with the San Luis Valley Irrigation Well Owners for a maximum of 300 acre feet to store in Platoro, 2,500 acre feet to store in the Rio Grande, and 500 acre feet of direct depletion remedy with zero in the winter. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Angelo Bellah asked the Board for direction on an offer from Subdistrict No. 1 to lease stored Santa Maria water for \$250 per acre foot. Jamie Hart commented on Subdistrict No. 1 having more stored water than needed, high storage costs and the possibility of the water not being offered in the future.

A motion was made to offer to lease 250 acre feet of Santa Maria stored water from Subdistrict No. 1 at \$250 per acre-foot. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Angelo Bellah reported on an offer from Jamie Hart for Subdistrict No. 6 to lease his well. Discussion was held on whether or not the well has any CU and how it is being modeled. Mr. Bellah presented the well information and maps showing the wells location. There was additional discussion that the lease would be to help with sustainability by limiting the pumping from the well, rather than trying to use the well's current water right's HCU to remedy injurious depletions. Jamie Hart informed the Board that he would be seeking a long-term agreement, would retain 100 acre feet and would need the Boards decision soon. Discussion was held on the potential to have a Pumping Reduction Program in 2025. The discussion regarding Mr. Harts offer was tabled for further discussion. Mr. Bellah gave an update on the Monte Vista Canal SWSP, Alamosa River WSA and the Los Sauces SWSP.

- Real Property/Water Right Leases and/or Purchases

Angelo Bellah reported not having an update on the Colorado Catch groundwater withdrawal offer. He also reported on the continued communication with Mitch Miller on his offer to lease his well to the Subdistrict.

- Contracts for 2025 ARP-Grant Hurley

Angelo Bellah informed the Board that Grant Hurley no longer had interest in pursuing a contract with the Subdistrict for 2025.

Update on Alamosa Well No. 4

President Faucette asked for update on Alamosa well No. 4. Angelo Bellah presented and provided a summary of the Ala 4 monitoring well data.

Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice Regarding Negotiations for the Lease/Purchase of Real Property

President Faucette asked for a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice regarding negotiations for the lease/purchase of real property. A motion was made at 3:40 p.m. to enter into

executive session to receive legal advice regarding negotiations for the lease/purchase of real property. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4) to receive legal advice regarding negotiations for the lease/purchase of real property and the Board would take no formal action or position during the executive session

Possible Action Following Executive Session

President Faucette asked for possible action following executive session. There was none.

Direction for Staff

President Faucette asked for direction for staff. There was none.

Next Meeting

A special meeting was scheduled for November 20, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer