

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #2
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
October 10, 2024, 8:00 a.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: Karla Shriver, President; Eric Hinton, Vice-President; Scot Schaefer, Secretary/Treasurer; Mark Deacon, BOM; Michael Schaefer, BOM; and Gerald Ziegler, BOM.

Absent: Harold Stoeber, BOM; and, Greg Higel, Ex-Officio.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Angelo Bellah, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason.

Meeting Called to Order

President Shriver called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

President Shriver asked for amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Eric Hinton to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Gerald Ziegler and unanimously approved.

Review BBA's Parma Drain Memo and Scope of Work

President Shriver asked for review BBA's Parma Drain memo and scope of work. Angelo Bellah presented the memo from BBA regarding work they had been doing for Subdistrict 3 and 6. The memo gave a summary of the basis for a CU rate on CPW fish pond wells that discharge into the Parma Drain. Mr. Bellah updated the Board on conversations held with DWR regarding the fish pond cu rate negotiated at 37% CU, based on tail water use. He asked the Board how they felt about splitting the bill with Subdistrict 3 and 6 going forward. Pete Ampe confirmed BBA suggested 27.1%, Mr. Bellah reported the percentage had not been agreed to by Craig Cotten. Discussion was held on potential benefits to Subdistrict No. 2 and why the Board should consider sharing the BBA costs. Mark Deacon commented on how he felt it would not benefit Subdistrict No. 2. Mr. Bellah presented the September BBA invoice. He highlighted the Parma Drain split out from the total bill. President Shriver commented on the benefit to the Subdistrict and suggested placing a maximum limit.

A motion was made by Eric Hinton to spend \$3,000 as Subdistrict No. 2's maximum contribution, no more going forward. He amended the motion to approve up to \$1,700 for the project. The motion was seconded by Mark Deacon and unanimously approved.

Review and Possible Action on Preliminary 2025 Budget

President Shriver asked for review and possible action on preliminary 2025 budget. Angelo Bellah presented the preliminary Subdistrict No. 2 budget. He reported emailing the draft out to the Board three (3) weeks ago. Mr. Bellah went over each column. He highlighted the projected expenses for 2025, explained the pumping fee and gave the amount budgeted for 2024. Mr. Bellah described the forbearance agreement calculations, the proposed revenues and explained how staff time is split up among the Subdistricts. He explained the need for the Board to approve a preliminary budget in order to submit it to the District Board of Directors for approval. Mr. Bellah presented the proposed 2025 budget based on the five (5) year average. He highlighted the number of active and inactive wells and explained the difference between last year and this year's administrative fees. He went over the fees collected for operating expenses in the Upper Rio Grande response area and the projected per ac foot withdrawn pumping fee for sprinkler, flood and other. Mr. Bellah highlighted the Subdistrict purchases from last year and reported that a transfer in from the District was not needed. He went over the amount proposed for general administration, operational expenditures, and water management expenses. Mr. Bellah reported on the potential to purchased stored water from Subdistrict No. 1 and or the District and reported on Amber Pacheco's suggestion to increase the remedy portfolio future and post plan expenses. Mark Deacon suggested leaving the budget the same amount as last year due to the amount of water to become available from his entire ranch. Mr. Bellah amended the budget and showed how it would impact the fees.

A motion was made by Gerald Ziegler to approve the Subdistrict No. 2 preliminary draft budget with the recommendation to set the Rio Grande Alluvial pumping fee rate at \$67 and the Upper Rio Grande rate at \$81. The motion was seconded by Eric Hinton and unanimously approved.

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

President Shriver 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 by Gerald Ziegler at 9:20 a.m. to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Eric Hinton and unanimously approved.

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

Possible Action from Executive Session

President Shriver asked for possible action from Executive Session. There was none

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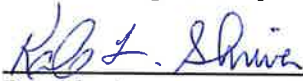
A special meeting was scheduled for October 17, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.


Adjournment

A motion was made by Gerald Ziegler to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael Schaefer and was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer