RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 16, 2018 at 3:00 P.M.
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM

Present: Greg Higel, President; Brian David, Vice-President; Dwight Martin, Secretary/ Treasurer; Peggy Godfrey, Director; Mike McClure, Director; Lewis Entz, Director; Cory Off, Director; and Armando Valdez, Director.

Excused: Bill McClure, Director.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, District Attorney; Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Cheryl Anderson, Office Manager; Allen Davey, District Engineer; Clinton Phillips, District Engineer; Marisa Fricke, Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason; David Hofmann; Mike Kruse and Lillian Adams.

CALL TO ORDER
President Greg Higel called the meeting to order at 2:42 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There was a quorum present for the meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF & GUESTS
President Higel welcomed all those present and asked for introductions.

APPROVE AGENDA
President Higel asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. Peggy Godfrey suggested the discussion items be moved up on the agenda and be taken care of first and the action items moved down the agenda in order for them to be voted on at 3:00 as noticed. Cleave Simpson added Trinchera Water Conservancy District as a discussion item. A motion was made by Dwight Martin to approve the agenda in reverse order as amended. The motion was seconded by Cory Off and unanimously approved.

TRINCHERA WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
President Higel asked for the Trinchera Water Conservancy District discussion. Cleave Simpson stated the Trinchera Water Conservancy District formed a Subdistrict and are in the process of writing its plan of water management. They have expressed interest in collaborating and working with The Rio Grande Water Conservation District. Mr. Simpson would like the Board to acknowledge the working relationship and explained how reimbursements for his time would function. Mr. Simpson and David Robbins provided the background and history of why they were not included in our district. The Board agreed to grant Mr. Simpson the ability to negotiate on their behalf and consult with the Board when necessary.

DISCUSS LONG TERM STORAGE AGREEMENT WITH SAN LUIS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
President Higel asked for a discussion on a long-term storage agreement with San Luis Valley Irrigation District. Cleave Simpson stated the San Luis Valley Irrigation District approached him with the concept of the district potentially booking a volume of storage at a negotiated price. Mr. Simpson stated it would allow the District to grant the Subdistricts with storage as well.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVAL OF THE 2017 DISTRICT AUDIT FROM WALL SMITH & BATEMAN
President Higel asked for review and consideration for action the approval of the 2017 District audit from Wall Smith & Bateman. Lillian Adams provided the Board with a copy of the audit and highlighted the key portions of the audit. A motion was made by Armando Valdez to accept the financial audit as presented. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

DISCUSS CONSERVATION EASEMENTS, AQUIFER CENTERED
President Higel asked for the discussion on aquifer centered conservation easements. Cleave Simpson shared with the Board a few conversations he was involved in around pumping control. One concept discussed was conservation easements on wells and the aquifer.
CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO PURSUE WATER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPALITY

President Higel asked for consideration to authorize the General Manager to pursue water lease agreements with municipalities. Cleave Simpson stated the City of Creede has an augmentation plan which they use some water out of the Nelson Tunnel and a surface water right to cover their pumping, in which they generate excess augmentation credits. The municipality is interested in leasing or renting the excess augmentation credit which is about 300-acre ft per year. A motion was made by Cory Off to allow the General Manager to continue negotiations with the City of Creede. The motion was seconded by Brian David and unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPOINTING A DIRECTOR TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED WITH LAWRENCE GALLEGOS DEPARTURE

President Higel asked for a consideration to appoint a director to the Management Committee to fill the vacancy created with Lawrence Gallegos departure. A motion was made by Cory Off to appoint Armando Valdez to fill the vacancy of Lawrence Gallegos on the Management Committee. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER FOR ACTION APPROVAL OF SUBDISTRICT NO. 5 BYLAWS

President Higel asked for the review and consideration of approval of Subdistrict No. 5 Bylaws. Pete Ampe and Amber Pacheco stated the Bylaws were similar to the other Subdistrict Bylaws. Ms. Pacheco stated the Board Members were selected by the results from a straw poll. A motion was made by Peggy Godfrey to accept Subdistrict No. 5 Bylaws as presented. The motion was seconded by Cory Off and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m. The Board set the hearing date and time for September 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. to adopt Subdistrict No. 2 Plan of Water Management.

The next scheduled quarterly meeting will be held on October 16, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

[Signatures]

President

Secretary/Treasurer