RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING  
December 6, 2018 at 10:30 A.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; Bill McClure, Director and Armando Valdez, Director.  

Staff and Consultants: David Robbins, District Attorney; Cleave Simpson, General Manager; Cheryl Anderson, Office Manager; Clinton Phillips, District Engineer; Allen Davey, District Engineer; Chris Ivers, HCP Coordinator; Amber Pacheco, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Marisa Fricke, Program Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; and April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.  


CALL TO ORDER  
President Greg Higel called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There was a quorum present for the meeting.  

DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVE FROM RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES.  
President Higel asked for the discussion with the representative from Renewable Water Resources. Sean Tonner a managing partner of Renewable Water Resources with his attorney Kevin Kinnear reported purchasing the former Gary Boyce property referred to as Rancho Rosado consisting of 11,500 acres. Jerry Berry was present and was introduced by Mr. Tonner as the Ranch Manager of Renewable Water Resources. Mr. Tonner provided the Board with his proposed project of exporting 22,000-acre feet of water out of the confined aquifer to the South Metro area. Mr. Tonner reported he believes he has developed the solution for a “win-win” opportunity for the Valley and South Metro Denver. Mr. Tonner proposed exporting 22,000-acre feet of water in return would retire 22,000 plus acre feet of water. Mr. Tonner stated they have a budgeted amount of $60 million dollars for the retirement of water. Cleave Simpson reiterated Mr. Tonner’s proposal was to engage in a partnership with the Rio Grande Water Conservation District to manage a $60 million-dollar fund for potential water acquisitions and/or retirement of water. The Board and guests in the audience were given the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.  

Bill McClure stated he resides in Saguache County and for the record, this was the first time he had heard of the project that was being presented.  

Mr. Tonner stated the end user would construct the pipeline, his vision was it would run along state highway and drop into the Platte.  

Cleave Simpson stated the proposed wells would be in the response area for the San Luis Creek. However, the Subdistrict did identify in its petition process that if a well were to be used to export water out of the basin, that well would not qualify to participate in the Subdistrict.  

Lawrence Gallegos was recognized and thanked by the Board and staff for his time and service with the Rio Grande Water Conservation District and was presented with a commemorative plaque.  

President Higel thanked Mr. Tonner, Mr. Kinnear and Mr. Berry for their participation in the discussion.  

The meeting paused for a break at 11:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  

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REVIEW AND CONSIDER ACTION, APPROVAL OF DISTRICT WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE FUND
President Higel asked for the review and consider action, approval of District Water Activity Enterprise Fund. Cleave Simpson described the purpose of a Water Enterprise Fund and how it would be used if it was approved. David Robbins provided the potential opportunities and benefits of a Water Enterprise Fund.

A motion was made by Peggy Godfrey to adopt the resolution of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District to establish a Water Activity Enterprise Fund. The motion was seconded by Cory Off and unanimously approved.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER ACTION, APPROVAL OF SUBDISTRICT #2 AND SUBDISTRICT #3 RULES AND REGULATIONS
President Higel asked for the review and consider action, approval of Subdistrict #2 and Subdistrict #3 Rules and Regulations. Cleave Simpson stated they were pretty standard templates which could be changed or amended at any time without the need for a court proceeding.

A motion was made by Cory Off to adopt the resolution of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District to approve Subdistrict No. 2 and No. 3 Rules and Regulations. The motion was seconded by Bill McClure and unanimously approved.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER ACTION, APPROVAL OF SUBDISTRICT #6 BY-LAWS.
President Higel asked for the review and consider action, approval of Subdistrict #6 By-laws.

A motion was made by Cory Off to approve Subdistrict No. 6 By-laws. The motion was seconded by Peggy Godfrey and unanimously approved.

Open discussion was held on the Renewable Water Resources water export proposal.

ADJOURN
Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

The next scheduled quarterly meeting will be held on January 15, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

[Signatures]
President
Secretary/Treasurer