

**Southwestern Water Conservation District  
Board of Directors Special Meeting via Zoom**

**June 13, 2023**

**Present:** J.R Ford                      Kenny Heldman                      Rusty Hinger  
Amy Huff                      David Williams                      Gerald Koppenhafer  
Jenny Russell

**Absent:** Dagan Chadd                      Charlie Smith

**Staff:** Mo Rock, Programs Coordinator  
Steve Wolff, General Manager

**Consultants:** Beth Van Vurst, General Counsel, Van Vurst Law

**Guests:** Ken Curtis (DWCD)  
Laura Spann (CWCB)  
Mike Preston (UMU)

**1.0 Call to Order – Roll Call and Verification of Quorum**

President Jenny Russell called the meeting to order at 12p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was established.

**2.0 Review and Approve Agenda**

There was unanimous consent to approve the agenda.

**3.0 Questions & Comments from the Public**

No questions or comments from the public.

**4.0 Executive Session**

**4.1 Colorado River Intrastate Matters including the creation of the Colorado River Drought Task Force (SB23-295)**

There was no need for an executive session discussion on this matter.

**6.0 Colorado River Drought Task Force, Including Appointment and Recommendations by the SWCD Board Relative to SB23-295**

Steve Wolff spoke with the Board about recommending an individual to serve on the Colorado River Drought Task Force as a representative from a local government located within the boundaries of SWCD that provides water for municipal purposes. Steve informed the Board that Justin Ramsey from Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District and Kevin Kissler from the City of Cortez are both interested in serving on the Colorado River Drought Task Force. J.R. spoke to Justin's nomination and that he is a positive person that is easy to work with. Steve Wolff noted that Justin gave the region geographic diversity and Kevin recently worked on a drought action plan.

JR asked if SWCD can recommend both of them. Steve Wolff said that was a great approach under these circumstances.

JR Ford made a motion that we submit both names equally, being comfortable with either nomination - Rusty Hinger Seconded - The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Wolff said that they would submit a letter to the President of the Senate with the approved recommendations. Jenny Russell asked when appointments will be made. Steve said all appointments were to be made by June 30th.

## **7.0 Adjournment**

President Jenny Russell adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jenny Russell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.