

**Southwestern Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Special Meeting via Teleconference
April 29, 2020**

Present: JR Ford (joined at 9:08 a.m.) David Guilliams Rusty Hinger
Monte Naslund Jenny Russell (left at 10:05am) Don Schwindt
Charlie Smith (joined at 9:35 a.m.) Doug Stowe Bob Wolff

Staff: Frank Kugel, Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD) Executive Director
Laura Spann, SWCD Programs Coordinator

Consultants: Beth Van Vurst, Van Vurst Law
Carrie Padgett, Harris Water Engineering

Guests: Keith Caddy, Montrose County Commissioner
Ed Millard, Southwest Basins Roundtable

1.0 Call to Order

Robert Wolff called the special board meeting via teleconference to order at 9:03 a.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

2.0 Review and Approve Agenda

(time: 00:01:45)

There was consensus to approve the agenda as noticed.

3.0 Questions and Comments from Audience

(time: 00:02:50)

There were no comments from the audience.

4.0 March Water Court Resume Review (Divisions 3, 4 & 7)

(time: 00:03:45)

Beth Van Vurst reported that she and Frank had reviewed the March Water Court Resumes for Divisions 3, 4 and 7. There was one application in Division 7 that she recommended for discussion in executive session.

5.0 Executive Session

(time: 00:04:30)

Beth Van Vurst recommended that the board move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the joint SWCD/River District agreement with Hydros Consulting for Colorado River Basin Modeling, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's 7d review of the 2007 Interim Guidelines, Rio Grande Water Conservation District's Substitute Water Supply Plan Application pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-308(5) for the 2020/2021 water year, Paradox Valley Unit Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and March Water Court Resume Review (Division 7). The statutes covering this session are § 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., "conferences with an attorney for the district for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions," and § 24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., "determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators." JR Ford joined the call. Monte Naslund moved that the board go into executive session. David Guilliams seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

6.0 Report Out of Executive Session

(time: 00:08:20)

Beth Van Vurst announced that the board was out of executive session at 10:15 a.m. Charlie Smith joined the call during executive session. The board discussed the joint SWCD/River District agreement with Hydros Consulting for Colorado River Basin Modeling, Bureau of Reclamation's 7d review of the 2007 Interim Guidelines, Rio Grande Water Conservation District's Substitute Water Supply Plan Application pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-308(5) for the

2020/2021 water year, Paradox Valley Unit Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and March Water Court Resume Review (Division 7). No action was taken during the executive session.

Don Schwindt moved to approve proposed work order number two under the joint SWCD/River District agreement with Hydros Consulting for Colorado River Basin Modeling. The estimated cost to SWCD of this work order is \$25,000. Monte Naslund seconded. The motion passed.

Rusty Hinger moved to file comments on the Rio Grande Water Conservation District's Substitute Water Supply Plan Application for the 2020/2021 water year. Monte Naslund seconded. The motion passed.

There was board consensus to hold the following dates and times for potential special board meetings via teleconference: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 from 10:30am-12:00pm, Tuesday, May 19 from 9:00-11:00am, and Wednesday, May 27 from 9:00-11:00am.

7.0 Adjournment

Bob Wolff adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Next Meeting

May 6, 2020	10:30am	Special Board Meeting via Teleconference
May 19, 2020	9:00am	Special Board Meeting via Teleconference
May 27, 2020	9:00am	Special Board Meeting via Teleconference
June 3, 2020	9:00am	Special Board Meeting via Teleconference
June 30-July 1, 2020	TBD	Regular Board Meeting

Robert Wolff, Board President