

**Southwestern Water Conservation District  
Board of Directors Special Meeting by Teleconference  
September 9, 2020**

**Present:** Bob Wolff David Guilliams Monte Naslund  
Charlie Smith Don Schwindt Doug Stowe (joined at 9:13 a.m.)  
Jenny Russell

**Absent:** Rusty Hinger JR Ford

**Staff:** Laura Spann, Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD) Programs Coordinator

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

**Guests:** Clayton Chaney, Pagosa Springs Sun  
Elaine Chick, Water Information Program  
Marcel Gaztambide, San Juan Citizens Alliance  
Gigi Richard, Four Corners Water Center at Fort Lewis College

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

President Bob Wolff called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Roll was taken and a quorum established.

### **2.0 Review and Approve Agenda**

*(time: 00:01:30)*

There were no changes to the agenda as noticed.

### **3.0 Questions & Comments from the Audience**

*(time: 00:02:00)*

There were no questions or comments from the audience. Marcel Gaztambide, San Juan Citizens Alliance, would like to include a short paragraph about SWCD in the “Our Animas” report.

### **4.0 Executive Session**

*(time: 00:06:00)*

Elaine Chick added that as part of her proposed scope of work for the 2021 Water Information Program (WIP), she would like clarification if the SWCD board wants to continue the Water Cycle Drawing Contest. She also answered board questions about the proposed changes to the scope of work for 2021.

Beth Van Vurst recommended that the board move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the 2021 proposed scope of work for the WIP independent contractor agreement and San Miguel River basin water supply planning. 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.” Jenny Russell moved that the board go into executive session. David Guilliams seconded. The motion passed.

### **5.0 Report from Executive Session**

*(time: 00:10:15)*

Beth Van Vurst announced that the board was out of executive session at 10:27 a.m. The board discussed the 2021 proposed scope of work for the WIP independent contractor agreement and San Miguel River basin water supply planning. No action was taken during the executive session.

## 6.0 Other Business

### 6.1 2021 Proposed Scope of Work for WIP Independent Contractor

(time: 00:10:35)

Elaine Chick described proposed changes to the WIP independent contractor scope of work for 2021 and summarized progress towards 2020 deliverables and additional tasks completed this year. The SWCD board provided feedback on the content and focus of the WIP newsletter. The draft scope of work will be considered by the WIP Steering Committee at their meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The SWCD board will then consider approving the 2021 WIP Independent Contractor agreement at the October or December board meetings.

## 7.0 Budget Workshop

### 7.1 Review and Discussion of Draft Budget FY2021

(time: 00:20:45)

The board evaluated the draft fiscal year 2021 budget line by line, discussing revenues and expenses in detail.

There was board consensus to approve SWCD funding 23% of annual operation of the USGS San Miguel River at Uravan stream gage.

The draft budget will be distributed to the board for the October 13-14 board meeting, available for public inspection after October 15<sup>th</sup> and finalized at the budget hearing held during the December 8-9 board meeting.

## 8.0 Schedule for Upcoming Meetings

This agenda item was not discussed.

## 9.0 Adjournment

President Bob Wolff adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.



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Bob Wolff, President