

**Southwestern Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Special Meeting by Teleconference
November 2, 2020**

Present: Bob Wolff JR Ford Rusty Hinger
Jenny Russell Don Schwindt Doug Stowe
Charlie Smith (left at 8:50 a.m.)

Absent: David Guilliams Monte Naslund

Staff: Laura Spann, Programs Coordinator

Consultants: Chris Treese, Consultant
Beth Van Vurst, Van Vurst Law

Guests: Eric Hjermstad, Western Weather Consultants
Ed Millard, Southwest Basins Roundtable

1.0 Call to Order – Roll Call and Verification of Quorum

President Bob Wolff called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Roll was taken and a quorum established.

2.0 Review and Approve Agenda

(time: 00:01:00)

Don Schwindt moved to approve the agenda as noticed. JR Ford seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

3.0 Questions & Comments from the Audience

(time: 00:01:40)

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

4.0 FY2020 Cloud Seeding Stopgap Funding Request & Proposal

(time: 00:02:00)

Bob Wolff presented a request for \$3,500 to support additional early season cloud seeding in the Western San Juan Program for the 2020-2021 winter season. This funding would support an additional 103 seeding hours from 411 to 514 hours and allow for November storms to be seeded. Purgatory Resort reduced their cloud seeding support due to COVID-19 impacts. There was discussion regarding opportunities for late season cloud seeding as well. Don Schwindt moved to approve the request to backfill \$3,500 for early season cloud seeding in the Western San Juan program. Charlie Smith seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

5.0 Executive Session

(time: 00:19:15)

Beth Van Vurst recommended that the board move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the general manager hiring process, including review and further consideration of applicants for the general manager position. The statutes covering this session are § 24-6-402(3.5), § 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,” and § 24-6-402(4)(f)(1), C.R.S., “personnel matters.” Chris Treese joined the executive session. JR Ford moved that the board go into executive session. Rusty Hinger seconded. The motion passed.

6.0 Report from Executive Session

(time: 00:20:15)

Beth Van Vurst announced that the board was out of executive session at 10:09 a.m. The board discussed the general manager hiring process, including review and further consideration of applicants for the general manager

position. Two special board meetings were scheduled for Wednesday, November 11th at 7:45 a.m. and Thursday, November 12th at 7:45 a.m. to further consider the applicants for the general manager position.

7.0 Adjournment

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bob Wolff', is written over a horizontal line.

Robert Wolff, President