

**Southwestern Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Special Meeting via Zoom
April 28, 2021**

Present: JR Ford David Guilliams Rusty Hinger
Amy Huff Jenny Russell Don Schwindt
Charlie Smith

Absent: Monte Naslund Doug Stowe

Staff: Laura Spann, Programs Coordinator

Consultants: Chris Treese, Independent Consultant
Beth Van Vurst, Van Vurst Law, General Counsel

Guests: Orla Bannan, Western Resources Advocates
Ken Curtis, Dolores Water Conservancy District
Kennan Ertel, Former Montezuma County Commissioner
Marcel Gaztambide, San Juan Citizens Alliance
Bob Wolff, Animas La Plata Water Conservancy District

1.0 Call to Order – Roll Call and Verification of Quorum

President Jenny Russell called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Roll was taken and a quorum established.

2.0 Review and Approve Agenda

(time: 00:00:30)

There was board consensus to approve the agenda as noticed.

3.0 Questions & Comments from the Audience

(time: 00:00:45)

There were no comments or questions from the audience.

4.0 Executive Session

(time: 00:01:00)

Beth Van Vurst recommended that the board move into executive session for the purpose of discussing agenda item 4.1, the general manager hiring process, including an update on the general manager hiring process and continued deliberations regarding applicants for the position. The statutes covering this discussion in executive 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 was invited to join the executive session as an independent contractor tasked with coordinating the general manager hiring process. David Guilliams moved that the board go into executive session. Rusty Hinger seconded. The motion passed.

5.0 Summary and Action Items from Executive Session

(time: 00:04:10)

Beth Van Vurst announced that the board was out of executive session at 2:29 p.m. Beth reported that in executive session the board discussed agenda item 4.1, the general manager hiring process, including an update on the general manager hiring process and continued deliberations regarding applicants for the position. No action was taken during the executive session.

6.0 Potential Naming of Finalist for General Manager Position

(time: 00:04:30)

Charlie Smith moved to designate Steve Wolff as the sole finalist for the General Manager position and authorize President Russell and Vice-President Schwindt to enter into employment negotiations with Mr. Wolff with the

final offer subject to approval by the SWCD board and presented to Mr. Wolff no sooner than 14 days from today. Rusty Hinger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris Treese described Steve Wolff's background and experience for the public.

7.0 Adjournment

President Russell adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.



Jenny Russell, President