

**Southwestern Water Conservation District  
Board of Directors - Work Session via Zoom  
September 13, 2021**

**Present:** JR Ford (joined at 3:45pm) Amy Huff Jenny Russell  
Don Schwindt Charlie Smith (joined at 3:30pm)

**Absent:** David Guilliams Rusty Hinger Dagan Chadd  
Monte Naslund

**Staff:** Laura Spann, Programs Coordinator  
Steve Wolff, General Manager

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

**Guests:** Jimbo Buickerood, San Juan Citizens Alliance  
Amber Clark, Dolores River Boating Advocates  
Kendra Cook, Dolores County Chamber of Commerce  
Floyd Cook, Dolores County Commissioner  
Hilary Cooper, San Miguel County Commissioner  
Ken Curtis, Dolores Water Conservancy District  
Steve Garchar, Dolores County Commissioner  
Marcel Gaztambide, San Juan Citizens Alliance  
Starr Jamison, San Miguel County  
Julie Kibel, Dolores County Commissioner  
Mark Pearson, San Juan Citizens Alliance  
Adam Reeves, Maynes Bradford Shipp's Sheftel  
John Whitney, U.S. Senator Michael Bennet  
Jeff Widen, the Wilderness Society

**1.0 Call to Order – Roll Call**

President Jenny Russell called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Roll was taken and a quorum established.

**2.0 Presentation from San Miguel County, Dolores County, and Senator Bennet's office regarding Proposed Legislation to Establish Dolores River National Conservation Area**

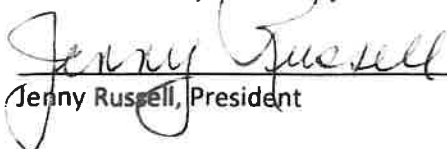
Commissioners from San Miguel and Dolores Counties described their interest and support for the proposed legislation to establish Dolores River National Conservation Area. They also provided background on the public process to date which has resulted in the present proposal. On behalf of U.S. Senator Michael Bennet, John Whitney presented the draft legislation section by section, explained various aspects of the proposed bill in detail, and described the bill's intent. He answered questions from the SWCD board and public.

**3.0 Public Questions & Comments**

There were no additional comments or questions beyond those made as part of agenda item 2.0.

**4.0 Adjournment**

President Jenny Russell adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

  
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Jenny Russell, President