

**Meeting of the Board of Directors of the  
Republican River Water Conservation District**

**September 19, 2022, Teleconference/Zoom**

The Board of Directors of the Republican River Water Conservation District convened a special meeting, pursuant to notice required by statute and the District's By-Laws, utilizing teleconference/Zoom technology.

Present were:

**Board Members:**

Rod Lenz, President  
Greg Larson, Vice-President  
Aaron Sprague, Treasurer  
Gil Anderson, Secretary  
Brooke Campbell  
Jim Hadachek  
Kenny Helling  
Steve Kramer  
Josh Lechman  
Rod Mason  
Steven Meakins  
Tim Pautler  
Kristen Schneider  
Wil Bledsoe  
Don Brown

Deb Daniel, RRWCD General Manager  
Reon McBride, RRWCD Finance/Office Manager  
Payton Liming, RRWCD Administrative Assistant  
David Robbins, RRWCD General Counsel, Hill & Robbins, P.C.  
Pete Ampe, RRWCD General Counsel, Hill & Robbins, P.C.  
Mike Sullivan, Deputy State Engineer, Colorado Division of Water Resources

A telephone was provided at the District office for interested members of the public to participate but no public attended.

**STATEMENT OF QUORUM**

President Rod Lenz called the meeting to order at 8:02 am. Board Secretary Gil Anderson conducted a roll call of the Board members and declared that a quorum of the Board was present. Roger Seedorf and Kevin Penny were absent.

*Wil Bledsoe joined the meeting at 8:05 AM.*

**AGENDA**

President Rod Lenz asked David Robbins to discuss the important parts of the IGA, with the State of Colorado. Robbins began by discussing the conflict-of-interest provision. Robbins is working to draft a letter for Daniel to use if board members are interested in enrolling in conservation programs through the

district. The board members involved will be required to recuse themselves from anything related to the contract.

General Manager Deb Daniel then gave an update on the process for receiving the ARPA funds. Daniel stated the next step required will be state approval of the contract. After state approval of the contract, the district will begin signing contracts with well owners. After well owners have signed the contracts, those contracts will be sent to Mike Sullivan and CWCB with identifying information redacted for reimbursements for ARPA funds.

The well owner will receive three checks from the district for each contract in the South Fork Focus Zone. One check for the base contract paid with RRWCD funds, one check for supplemental funds (leveling the funds up to the \$5,250 or \$4,250/acre rate) (using ARPA dollars) and then the incentive contract (\$200/acre). The funds will be split into two different checking accounts, District funds in Wray State Bank and ARPA dollars in Bank of Colorado.

There was discussion on the turnaround of the fund reimbursements from CWCB. The incentive contracts are currently done quarterly, and the ARPA fund reimbursements will be done upon request from the district (approximately once a week).

Mike Sullivan discussed the signing of the IGA will be done via DocuSign. He expects Rod and Gil to sign, then he or Anna Moss will sign and then finally the state controller.

**There was a motion to accept the IGA with the state of Colorado. There was a second and the vote passed unanimously. (voice vote, there were no nay votes, therefore considered unanimous)\***


Discussion was held on the board members reviewing the WPPP documents. The program process and documents will be similar to EQIP, with the exception being the well owner was not able to get an EQIP due to NRCS running out of funding or the well owner does not want to work with the NRCS office. The board will be required to vote on approving the contracts with well owners who pursue WPPP.

At 8:22 A.M. there was a motion, second and vote to adjourn the meeting.



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Secretary



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Date