

**RESOLUTION OF THE REPUBLICAN RIVER
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

(Approving Conflicts of Interest Resolution for RRWCD Board and Administrative Staff)

RESOLUTION NO. 02-21

R E C I T A L S

The Board of Directors of the Republican River Water Conservation District, at the First Regular 2021 Quarterly Meeting of the Board, this 16th day of February, 2021 does Find and Resolve:

WHEREAS, the Republican River Water Conservation District was established by the Colorado Legislature as a body corporate and as a public agency for specified purposes pursuant to CRS 37-50-101, et seq; and

WHEREAS, The Republican River Water Conservation District must comply with the provisions of its statutory authority and all other applicable statutes duly adopted by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Republican River Water Conservation District Board of Directors has continually sought to conduct its business in an open, public and transparent fashion that is free from any implication of arbitrariness or conflict of interest; and

WHEREAS, the Republican River Water Conservation District is, or may become, a party to Inter-governmental Agreements with other entities of government; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that in order to obtain the service of community members in fulfilling the duties required of the Board of Directors it is necessary and desired to include individuals with a strong interest in the activities of the Republican River Water Conservation District which will result in Board members having personal or economic interests in the water resources of the High Plains Aquifer and the Republican River as well as in real property owned or controlled by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Republican River Conservation District Board of Directors, because of the increasing number of duties it must perform and the increasing number of citizens who are participating on behalf of the District in assisting with the performance of those duties, has concluded that there is the need to adopt a formal statement of the requirements and expectations concerning the conduct of the affairs of the Republican River Conservation District.

R E S O L U T I O N

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Republican River Water Conservation District Board of Directors adopts and implements the following requirements and guidelines concerning the applicable Standards of Conduct related to the manner for addressing conflicts of interest, appearances of conflict of interest and potential conflicts of interest as they relate to the performance of official business of the Republican River Water Conservation District or any agreements or Inter-governmental Agreements to which the District is a party:

1. The Republican River Water Conservation District and entities formed by Inter-governmental Agreements to which it is a party (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "District"), together with any Board member or employees thereof or appointed representatives, therefore, shall comply with all

Colorado statutes applicable to the conduct of public employees, as more specifically set forth in Title 24, Article 18 of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

2. A conflict of interest shall mean the engagement in an official act or recommendation of the District which may be influenced by a real or perceived direct economic benefit to the Board member or employee. A conflict of interest may also exist in circumstances where the Board member or employee has a personal or professional interest that would interfere with participating objectively in an official act or recommendation.

3. In particular, the members of the Board of Directors and any other official representatives of the District, as well as all employees of the District, shall comply with the provisions of CRS 24-18-109.

4. In performing duties for the District, in any capacity, each person who has a direct personal interest, including any financial interest, hereafter referred to as " the matter in question", shall comply with the following actions:

a. Prior to the initiation of any action on behalf of the District related to the matter in question, to first disclose the specific nature of the personal interest, including any potential for such an interest to arise;

b. Formally withdraw from all actions of the District related to the matter in question, to include the withdrawal from all meetings or planning sessions when the matter in question is discussed, the withdrawal from all debates or discussions about how the matter in question will be decided or resolved, the recusal from all votes, straw polls or other pre-decisional or decisional activities of the District on the matter in question;

c. Specifically refrain from any discussions with other Board members or employees of the District about the matter in question whether before, during, or after a final decision has been rendered on the matter in question.

5. If, after disclosure of an actual or potential conflict of interest, a Board member of the District may be permitted to vote on a matter in question if, and only if, there has been full public disclosure of the nature and extent of the personal interest, including financial interest(s), and it is necessary for the vote to occur in order to obtain a quorum or otherwise to enable the District to act.

The purpose of this Resolution is to provide guidance and a minimum standard of conduct for all Board members and employees of the District and it does not supplant or replace the applicable Colorado Statutes in relation to the control of the applicable Standards of Conduct.

Done this _____ day of February, 2021.

For the Board of Directors,

ATTEST:

Rodney L Lenz

Rodney L Lenz (Mar 12, 2021 20:37 MST)

Rodney Lenz
President

Gilbert Anderson

Gilbert Anderson (Mar 13, 2021 07:38 MST)

Gilbert Anderson
Secretary









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