

Republican River Water Conservation District

Special Board meeting – February 12, 2024

offered virtually and in person

410 Main Street, Suite 8, Wray, CO 80758

Proposed Agenda

(Times are Approximate)

A. 2:01 PM - Welcome – Rod Lenz - President of the Board

- a. Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer
- b. Roll call of Directors/declare a quorum – Kristen Schneider, Secretary of the Board
- c. Present were:
 - i. Rod Lenz, President
 - ii. Steve Kramer, Vice President
 - iii. Kristen Schneider, Secretary
 - iv. Aaron Sprague, Treasurer
 - v. Wil Bledsoe
 - vi. Brooke Campbell
 - vii. Kevin Penny, absent
 - viii. Jim Hadachek
 - ix. Josh Lechman
 - x. Robin Liming
 - xi. Dennis Wieser, absent
 - xii. Tim Fetzer
 - xiii. Greg Larson, absent
 - xiv. Steven Meakins
 - xv. Tim Pautler
 - xvi. Don Brown, excused
 - xvii. Roger Seedorf
- d. There was a quorum present with Kevin Penny, Dennis Wieser, and Greg Larson absent and Don Brown excused.
- e. Staff present: Deb Daniel, General Manager; Payton Liming, Administrative Assistant; David W. Robbins, General Counsel
- f. Introduction of guests-none present
- g. Approve the agenda-There was a motion to approve the agenda, there was a second and the vote was unanimous.

B. Approval of Irrigated Property Lease

- a. Recommendation to Board - Steve Kramer - Vice President
- b. **Rod Lenz recused himself from the discussion and vote for this portion of the meeting.**

- i. Kramer explained the process for the bid opening and then allowed Seedorf to discuss how the bids came in for Tract 1, Tract 2 and then the two tracts together.
- ii. Schneider explained the matrix she put together comparing the bids.
 - 1. High Bid-Tract 1: \$68,798.00 or \$307.00/acre
 - 2. High Bid-Tract 2: \$47,750 or \$382.00/acre
 - 3. High Bid-Both tracts: \$120,500 or \$345.00/acre
 - 4. The recommendation to the board is to accept the bid for both tracts totaling \$120,500.00. There was a motion, second and the vote was unanimous. Rod Lenz recused himself from the discussion and the vote to approve the bid.
- iii. Discussion of what will be made part of the public record: the winning bid will be part of the public record and a letter will be sent to all of the applicants announcing the successful bid. This will occur as soon as the bank provides the District with a letter that says the winner is in good financial standing and able to fulfill the obligation of the bid.

C. RAMP Applications

- a. Review RAMP blind evaluation – Payton Liming, Administrative Assistant
 - i. There was a motion to approve the RAMP applications at the \$2750.00 rate, there was a second and the vote was unanimous.
 - ii. There was a motion to approve the RAMP applications at the \$3250.00 rate, there was a second and the vote was unanimous.

D. Professional rates

- a. Review 2024 accounting rate - Rod Lenz, Board President
 - i. Rod Lenz discussed his meeting with Justin Dodsworth and explained how the dollars spent on accounting hadn't changed dramatically because the District is doing most of the accounting in house. Lenz would like to have the District approve the rate for the accountants.
 - ii. There was a motion to accept the accounting rates for 2024, there was a second. There was discussion about utilizing other accounting firms, but it was agreed the current setup worked for the District. Lenz made an additional comment discussing the District's future spending and expressing approval of the layout of the spreadsheets that had been prepared by staff. The vote was unanimous.

E. No executive session was held during the special meeting

F. New Business

- a. Tim Pautler discussed the PTAC committee will be meeting before the Quarterly Meeting.
- b. Roger Seedorf discussed he is going to try to get the Negotiating committee together before the Quarterly meeting, if possible.

G. 2:40 PM - Adjourn meeting

- a. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting, there was a second. The vote was unanimous.

Kristin M Schneider
Secretary

2/23/24
Date