

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

December 13, 2019, Teleconference

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, by teleconference.

Present were:

Board Members:

Rod Lenz, President
Gil Anderson, Secretary
Brooke Campbell
Kenny Helling
Steven Meakins
Brent Deterding
Steve Kramer
Stan Laybourn
Rod Mason
Tim Pautler
Wayne Skold

Deb Daniel, RRWCD General Manager
Suzanna Baker RRWCD Administrative Assistant
Pete Ampe, RRWCD General Counsel, Hill & Robbins, P.C.

A telephone and a sign in sheet were 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 9:01 am. Board Secretary Gil Anderson conducted a roll call of the Board members and declared that a quorum of the Board was present. Several members of the Board were not able to call-in to the teleconference and were excused.

AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Lenz explained the purpose of this Board Teleconference was to get minutes approved from the November 19,2019 meeting and to present the conservation committee recommendation to the Board.

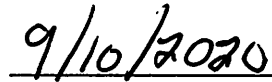
Lenz then asked the Board if there were any changes to the minutes. In the General Manager's report Rod Lenz asked Suzanna Baker to clarify the loan amount request from CWCB. A motion to approve the minutes with the noted changes was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Conservation Committee recommendation—Steve Kramer reported on the conservation committee’s meeting last Friday. They talked about many possibilities with conservation programs, CREP and EQIP. During the meeting Tim Davis reported that the USDA-FSA had reopened the CREP program for new applications on December 9th. General Manager Deb Daniel is going to send a news release to the local newspapers notifying the public that the CREP program had been reopened and that according to the recent release from the USDA-FSA, there will be no dry-land farming allowed in new CREP program acres. The 2018 Farm Bill included a stipulation that applicants could be allowed to dryland farm the acres included in new CREP contracts, but USDA decided against allowing this practice.

It is recommended by the conservation committee to expand the CREP boundary to include the land that was added in the HB19-1029 RRWCD boundary change. This would enable all those irrigated acres now included in the boundary to be able to apply for the CREP conservation program. The change will require an amendment to the 2018 CREP Agreement. Tim Davis has already written a letter that will be sent to Clarice Navarro, CO FSA Executive Director, to get the ball rolling. It is the hope of the RRWCD that acting fast will enable the process to go smoothly and not be dragged out. Deb Daniel asked the Board if we should send the letter now or wait until after the holidays. Steve Kramer thought it was the favor of the conservation committee to send the letter as soon as possible. Tim Pautler thought we should get it in front of Clarice Navarro as soon as possible. There was a motion to send the letter to Clarice Navarro as soon as possible to request an amendment to the 2018 CREP to change the boundary to include lands added by HB19-1029.

Seeing no further business that needs to be brought before the Board, President Lenz adjourned the meeting at 9:15AM.


Secretary


Date