

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

May 27, 2021 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, utilizing teleconference.

Present were:

Board Members:

Rod Lenz, President
Greg Larson, Vice-President
Gil Anderson, Secretary
Wil Bledsoe
Brooke Campbell
Kevin penny
Brent Deterding
Jim Hadachek
Steve Kramer
Stan Laybourn
Rod Mason
Steven Meakins
Roger Seedorf
Wayne Skold

Deb Daniel, RRWCD General Manager

Suzanna Baker RRWCD Administrative Assistant

David Robbins, RRWCD General Counsel, Hill & Robbins, P.C.

STATEMENT OF QUORUM

Rod Lenz called the meeting to order and Gil Anderson declared a quorum present with Aaron Sprague, Kenny Helling and Timothy Pautler absent.

Rod Lenz asked David Robbins to explain the situation with the program to retire acres in the SFFZ in light of several ideas and proposals. We had talked about grandfathering any acres that had been recently retired in the SFFZ for eligibility for incentives, Rod went on to say that we need a policy going forward so that we are doing it in the proper order. There needs to be a formal action with David Robbins guidance.

David then explained, under TABOR you cannot make a promise to pay money from revenues in the future unless it has been budgeted. He suggested that if the Board desires to inform the producers of a new bonus pool we can agree to send a letter to them that explains if the Board were to agree to raise the rates in the SFFZ and, if we develop a bonus pool to do that, then, we will give bonuses to those who sign up in 2021 at the same rate as those who sign up after the

bonus pool is officially established. We will need to word it in a way that makes it clear that it will be the same rates as 2022 under a new program in the SFFZ. He said that we need to make sure that we don't do something in our voting record that makes us appear to violate the restrictions in TABOR.

A draft letter had been previously sent to the Board to review.

Board members had some edits to the letter to make it clear and unambiguous, including striking the inclusion of specific amounts. There were other minor grammar edits discussed.

There was a motion to approve the draft letter with the current information, with proposed grammar edits. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Rod Lenz explained that we have a producer who hasn't been on the Assessment fee list in the County. They claim that they were not informed about not being shown on the tax roll as being irrigated land. They are asking if they can pay for two years-worth of assessment fees and not wait two years to be able to access the District programs. In 2019 the board voted that those who had not paid had to wait two years and pay the 2 years as the formal Board policy.

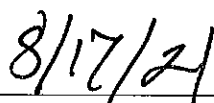
There was some discussion whether the acres are in the SFFZ.

General consensus of the board was that the rules are the rules and those who haven't paid need to wait the 2 years.

The meeting was adjourned but the Executive committee stayed on the call.

It was reported that the Colorado Water Congress Board has a vacancy for a groundwater user representative. There are 34 members on the board, representation from throughout the state both for geographic areas and for subject matter areas. Greg Larson would like to apply for the ground water seat and he is asking the executive committee for their thoughts on the opportunity. David explained that the seat had generally come from the South Platte, but he thinks Greg would be a great idea. David will go to the Nominating committee provide support for Greg Larson for the position. Rod thinks it will be a good to have a voting position on the board.


Secretary


Date