

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
JULY 23, 2018**

Directors having been duly notified, Chairman Kelly called the regular meeting to order at 3:00 pm at the MRGCD General Office. The following Directors and Staff were present:

DIRECTORS			STAFF	
John P. Kelly	Chairman		Mike Hamman	Chief Engineer/CEO
Glen Duggins	Vice-Chair	Absent	Dr. DuMars	Chief Water Counsel
Joaquín Baca	Director		Bruce Wiggins	General Counsel
Karen Dunning	Director		Jeanette Bustamante	Administrative Officer/CPO
Derrick J. Lente	Director	Absent	David Gensler	Water Operations Manager
Beverly Romero	Director		Becky Burnham	Budget Analyst
Valerie Moore	Director		Doug Strech,	GIS Supervisor
			Rebecca Thompson	Assessment/Collections Clerk II
			Yasmeen Najmi	Planner/RRA
			Joe Brem	Albuquerque Division Manager
			Jason Casuga	Engineer Manager
			Lorenzo Benavidez	Socorro Division Manager
			Mike Lopez	Construction QC Manager
			Willie West	Albuq. Division Manager Assistant
			Julian Avalos	ISO Supervisor

The following names of individuals were interested viewers and/or participants:

Carmel R. Vigil	Jeff Willis, AMAFCA
Guy Dicharry	Santiago Maestas, SVRAA
Elisabeth Dicharry	Nettie Jones, Assessment Payer
Gina Dello Russo	Gary Stansifer, OSE
Sharon Wirth	Viola Sanchez, BIA
Adrian Oglesby, Utton Law Center	

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Former Director Adrian Oglesby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Kelly welcomed the guests and declared a quorum.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Romero asked about the status of the RFP for the goat project. Mike Hamman reported that Yasmeen is working on the project but has no definitive RFP developed yet.

Director Romero also asked if there had been follow-up yet on Director Lente's request for information on the cost savings since beginning the 4/10s. Chairman Kelly asked Mike Hamman to add to the next meeting agenda.

Director Dunning suggested a sort of action items list to close the loop on the suggestions or requests to be done at a future date. Those items will now be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Director Dunning a made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA**. Director Baca seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR & VICE CHAIR – REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD – Lorna Wiggins, MRGCD General Counsel

Item 3 is removed from today's agenda due to the motion that was passed on June 11th that all Board Members must be present for this topic to be discussed and voted on. Directors Lente and Duggins are not in attendance at today's meeting. Therefore, this topic will be tabled to the next regular meeting agenda, set for August 13.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – APPROVAL OF MRGCD MEETING MINUTES

a. Consideration/Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting - June 25, 2018

There were no questions, comments, or changes to the regular board meeting of June 25, 2018.

Director Romero a made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2018**. Director Moore seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED**. Director Dunning abstained from this vote due to her absence of the June 25th meeting.

b. Consideration/Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting - July 9, 2018

Chairman Kelly wanted it to be clarified that the motion the Board passed regarding the election of the Board Chair and Vice Chair was for this topic to be discussed and voted only when there is a full board in attendance.

There were no questions, comments, or changes to the regular board meeting of July 9, 2018.

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 9, 2018**. Director Baca seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED**. Chairman Kelly abstained from this vote due to his absence of the July 9th meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – BOARD DISCUSSION REGARDING TIME LIMIT FOR ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR - Director Romero

Director Romero does not feel that three-minute time limit is long enough. She believes if constituents come in for the meeting, they have something to say, and they should be heard. She proposed an eight-minute time limit.

Director Dunning agreed that three minutes was not enough but proposed five minutes and added that she did not think that the responses or discussion from the Board or representative from MRGCD (such as Mike Hamman) should be included during the timed period.

Director Kelly agreed with the discussion about having a longer time limit, but he also added that he would like to have some type of warning indicator so that the person having the floor would know when they had one more minute.

The Board agreed on having a six-minute time limit from today's meeting forward, with a timekeeper that will let the person having the floor know when there is one minute remaining on

through efforts to encourage pre-1907 water rights owners to use the conservancy water bank. Their goals in partnering with the Conservancy are encouraging pre-1907 water rights to use the conservancy water bank, to use ditch riders (ISOs) to provide training for acequia mayordomos and to develop a recruitment pool for ISOs, targeting but not limited to the South Valley, and working together to develop best management practices that incorporate current farm and water management technology while focusing on the preservation of acequia historical integrity.

Their accomplishments include reestablishing acequias in the South Valley and adopting bylaws and operating with mayordomos and commissioners under those bylaws; establishing a youth leadership development program; bringing the community together in celebrations, such as the San Ysidro and Santa Maria South Valley celebrations; and developing and including the declaration of water rights, just to name a few.

With the help of CNMCC, they established a working geographic system. They toured the MRGCD facilities in the South Valley and mapped with GIS every turnout, both operating and abandoned. They have also improved safety by putting up road gates in the Atrisco Acequia to keep out vandals.

Director Moore asked how many miles of ditches are in the acequia. Mr. Maestas responded that they are still determining all of that as part of the historical preservation process.

Director Dunning commented that she would like to see signs in each of the acequias with a small space incorporating history or culture. Mr. Maestas reported that it is the intent of historical preservation to put up those types of signs. Director Dunning asked for clarification of the term "*resolana*." Mr. Maestas explained that is small place where people can gather around and talk. In the "old days," it was in the plaza, where the old Hispanic communities and elders would hang out to discuss politics and local gossip.

Director Baca thanked Mr. Maestas and Mr. Vigil for attending and presenting this evening. Director Baca asked if a private landowner contacted MRGCD regarding their water rights, can MRGCD refer them to SVRAA. Mr. Maestas responded that, yes, they can refer them, and they would happy to assist them. Director Baca said that he liked the idea of using the ISOs to provide training and develop a recruitment tool. He wanted to know the status of that. Mr. Maestas responded that this was one of the suggestions they received. Director Baca asked that maybe MRGCD consider this as a pilot program. Director Baca also asked if they are sharing all the data they received on the turnouts, what is active, what is not. Mr. Maestas responded they would be happy to share all of their information with MRGCD.

Director Kelly noted that one of the best roles for MRGCD (Mike Hamman) in assisting this group is to continue to make it known that we would serve as the fiscal agent for capital outlay for these small types of projects. He also asked about what their plans are for using the rest of the budget of \$20,000. Mr. Maestas reported that they have a project outline in Los Padillas.

Mr. Maestas has arranged for the South Valley Representatives and Senators to meet in two meetings on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. All MRGCD Board Members are invited to attend with Mike Hamman.

Director Moore asked if Mr. Maestas could let the Board know in advance when the celebrations are occurring so that perhaps some of the Board members could attend.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

It was noted today that the Board would be sticking to the three-minute rule.

Adrian Oglesby

Mr. Oglesby former MRGCD Board of Director. He was here today to give kudos to David Gensler for all the work he has done to get the pilot leasing program up and running. He believes it will increase the resilience of everybody in the valley.

Guy Dicharry

Mr. Dicharry is from an unincorporated part of Valencia County. He has written letters to the Directors. He is appreciative of MRGCD working on the joint powers agreement with the Village of Los Lunas and feels it will really improve the quality of life where he lives. He urged the Directors to vote for it.

Gina Dello Russo

Ms. Dello Russo is from Socorro. She is here today regarding the SunZia project. Her group has been reviewing the testimony in the PRC hearings, and they have found a number of places where SunZia was not truthful in what they said during the hearing and certainly not in answering the questions at the MRGCD Board Meeting. She is looking for updates from the Board on this topic. Mike Hamman responded that MRGCD has been in discussions with Bureau of Reclamation. Reclamation has informed MRGCD that they are going through the process, and it will take until August to get sorted out exactly what they are doing on the NEEPA. So, at this point, MRGCD is just waiting.

Ms. Dello Russo also requested MRGCD to send them the basis for a standard versus non-standard approval.

Director Moore added an update. She went to Mayor Bhasker. The Mayor did not know that maps had not been given to us. He thought it was much more north than where SunZia is actually proposing to run. Director Moore thinks SunZia is being sneaky and dishonest. Director Moore would like to see maps to the street level.

Director Baca reminded everyone that he had made a request at the last board meeting for all emails to get printed out and copied to Jeanette Bustamante for inclusion into a public record in lieu of having a public process here.

Chuck DuMars suggested that the record must show the process the MRGCD has chosen to use and why they are following it. There should be no ambiguity because of the importance of this decision.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – REPORT(S) FROM THE MRGCD CHIEF ENGINEER - Mike Hamman, CE/CEO

a. Water Report - David Gensler, Water Operations Manager

As of Friday morning, total water available to the District was about 39,500-acre feet. So, we are below the 40,000-acre foot now, and we were using at the rate of just over 1,000-acre feet per day. Based on that, we could expect a run-out date of around August 26th. The rate of release rose over the weekend as natural flows dropped and temperatures rose. So, it doesn't look like we'll even make it as far, unless it rains.

So far, unfortunately, the expected monsoons have done little for us this summer besides make a mess. Storms have been very spotty, contributing very little flow to the river, but when they do come, it drops a lot of water in one very small piece on the ground and we get a flash flood. We're not able to capitalize much on that water. One small exception was that we were able to lift the water bank curtailment last week for the Socorro area. We had about a week where more water was arriving at San Acacia dam that we could hold in the Socorro Main, so we wound up over-diverting and putting the excess in the LFCC. During this time we allowed Water bank deliveries. The curtailment was re-imposed again on Friday. It was a small thing, but at least we made a few people were made happy.

Mr. Gensler's phone has been ringing almost non-stop now for weeks with Water Bank users wanting to know when they can have water. It is heartbreaking to have to tell them, "when it rains enough", and I don't know when that will be." You can hear how desperate they are getting. But there simply has not been enough run-off from these storms so far to be able to lift the curtailment District wide, except down at San Acacia.

We've been able to reduce our releases from storage for periods of time as a result of storms, take advantage of a little flow here and there, but at no time have we been able to stop running on stored water. We've been able to slow the bleeding a little bit, but it looks like the inevitable result of release of storage is eventually we will run out this year.

Amazingly, except for water bank users, most of the District is still in relatively normal operations. Cochiti and Albuquerque areas are running pretty much like any other year. Belen areas is doing the side-to-side rotation, people are aware of the water shortage, but in general getting water ok, and Socorro has seen its share of ups and downs. The water has dropped to dangerously low levels several times, but each case a fortunate rain has occurred and turned things around. Belen has been able to deliver more water down to Socorro. We've rearranged things, been able to get some water down there, and we've had a little help from the rains. Mr. Gensler thinks things have been going all right down there, but he is sure that folks in Socorro County are painfully aware of how short the water supply is this year.

If we don't get rain, and we do get into a Prior and Paramount operations towards the end of August, we're ready for it. I think we all know what to do. We've been there before. It's not easy, but it's not that difficult either. We have a pretty well-established pattern for what we do. We will be working very closely with the pueblos, and BIA. Once we get into it, and we start diverting water for P&P deliveries, Mr. Gensler is hopeful that we'll find some excess in places and then start to share it around. It usually takes us a couple of weeks to make the changeover and see how it's working and find out where we do have extra water. And hopefully, we can make some of that available to some of the non-Pueblos. "In the meantime, just pray for rain."

Director Moore asked for clarity on the water storage and Article 7. Mr. Gensler explained that Article 7 only restricts the storage of Rio Grande Water of natural flow of the river. It does not constrain the release of water, and it doesn't constrain us in any way on the San Juan-Chama water. Mr. Gensler added that we cannot store water in El Vado, meaning increase storage. There is water sitting there. There's actually water coming into El Vado and going out of El Vado, and the water that's sitting there is now increasingly becoming Water Utility Authority Water. It's being exchanged for our water so we can maintain a little pool sitting there, using their water and simply not have a dead reservoir and the fish kills and the problems associated with that. Mr. Hamman was able to work out an agreement with the Water Utility Authority to do that, to exchange that water around.

Mr. Hamman discussed a tri-lateral agreement, possibly more parties, but for sure between the Bureau of Reclamation, the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, and the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. It's looking at an operational plan that, if this particular situation continues where we don't see a whole lot of rain coming into the middle valley, there are a lot of concerns that the middle part of the river would dry up below Angostura Dam at some point. Because we get into what they call Prior and Paramount operations, we'll have a scant amount of water coming out of Cochiti Dam on the natural side. There will then be some supplemental Prior and Paramount water available to use that was reserved in Heron for the purposes of getting the Pueblos through the final stages of the irrigation season. Those will be the only amounts of water available for the remaining part of the season without any rain.

With that concern in mind, the Water Utility Authority offered the opportunity to put some water on the table for Bureau of Reclamation to lease, to continue a base flow operation out of Cochiti, somewhere in the 500 or 600 CFS range that would keep water flowing down to Isleta Diversion Dam. We would participate in that from the standpoint of operating at Angostura to meet irrigation demands for the District. If excess flows due to rains were to exceed that demand, then we would help supplement that flow below Angostura Dam to the extent that that water was available.

This is all in the works. It is not necessarily fully public yet, but when the details get ironed out, there will be a press release announcing it, maybe within a week or so, maybe ten days out.

Director Moore asked if Mr. Gensler could send out a heads up text or something similar to notify water bank people when they can irrigate. Mr. Gensler reported that he did contact the ISOs to send out information to water bank users.

Mike Hamman commended Mr. Gensler and his staff for a really good job.

b. Review of FY18 Fourth Quarter Financials - Mike Hamman, CE/CEO

Mike Hamman presented the final report for FY18 that closes out this budget year. Revenues came in a little over 96% that was budgeted. Ad valorem cash flow came in pretty close to 100%. For the FY19 budget, we have scaled back ad valorem revenues a little bit more than we did in FY18. We have a surplus at the end of this year, \$486,743, in addition to the \$920,000 that were allocated to us as surplus funds to optimize fleet and equipment purchases for the closeout of FY18. The package shows the ad valorem income stream by counties. Bernalillo County's ad valorem was the lowest. It's not clear exactly yet why that's the case. We will do more research with the Assessor's Office. We knew that Valencia County's ad valorem was going to come in under our budget because of some structural changes they made in the way that they were accounting for their ad valorem revenues, which was expected to be near zero.

Water bank revenues were up slightly higher than expected, which has to do with better record-keeping, notices, and mapping on which lands are actually needed to be water bank lands. Other things were up slightly, like interest on investments as the State Treasury fund is doing a little better than average, and then some other variances based on differences in grant funding, etc.

Director Dunning was surprised by the Valencia County decrease. Mr. Hamman explained that they made a structural adjustment in how they were collecting their ad valorem in certain types of properties. Director Romero explained it was state-assessed properties that were not being calculated properly. It was a \$116 difference from '17 to '18.

On the expenditure side, personnel and benefits costs were essentially flat for all intents and purposes, but it did have an increase due to the COLA and other equity adjustments that the Board authorized last year. Staff is moving forward with our performance management plan and starting to make some progress on that to implement that by the third quarter of this fiscal year. Other things that were up, such as fuel, but fuel usage was also up. We also had some large capital outlays for the Socorro Main Hub. Expenditures are at \$1.76 million higher than the previous fiscal year, but that was all budgeted and planned for. We came within roughly 96% of accomplishment, including the acquisition of fleet and equipment.

Mr. Hamman wanted to recognize David Fergeson and Becky Burnham for all the work they did in putting the report together and keeping fiscal matters in order for the District.

c. Consideration/Approval of Resolution BA-07-23-18-75 Fiscal Year 2018 Fourth Quarter Financial Unaudited Report and Cash Balance - Mike Hamman, CE/CEO

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**FISCAL YEAR 2018 FOURTH QUARTER UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED CASH
BALANCE REVIEW AS OF JULY 1, 2018**

BA-07-23-18-75

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 6-6-2 NMSA 1978, the State of New Mexico Department of Finance – Local Government Division (NMDFA-LGD) has examined the proposed (Interim) Fiscal Year 2019 budget of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 6-6-2 NMSA 1978, the NMDFA-LGD granted the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District approval and certification for use of the Fiscal Year 2019 budget pending its Board of Governance review and approval of the fourth quarter Fiscal Year 2018 unaudited financial report including unaudited cash balances as of July 1, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2018 at the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, the fourth quarter Fiscal Year 2018 unaudited financial report including unaudited cash balances as of July 1, 2018 were presented to the Board of Directors; and,

WHEREAS, the Secretary/Treasurer of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District hereby certifies that the content of the fourth quarter Fiscal Year 2018 unaudited financial report, including unaudited cash balances as of July 1, 2018, to be true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District's Board of Governance hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2018 fourth quarter unaudited financial report including unaudited cash balances as of July 1, 2018 and respectfully requests final approval and certification from the State of New Mexico Department of Finance – Local Government Division of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Fiscal Year 2019 budget in accordance with Section 6-6-2 NMSA 1978.

RESOLVED in session this 23rd day of July 2018.

MIDDLE RIO GRADE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

John P. Kelly,
Chairman of the Board

Glen Duggins,
Vice Chairman of the Board

Valerie Moore, Director

Joaquin Baca, Director

Derrick J. Lente, Director

Karen Dunning, Director

Beverly Dominguez Romero, Director

ATTEST:

David M. Fergeson CPA, CGMA
Secretary/Treasurer

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE OF RESOLUTION BA-07-23-18-75 FISCAL YEAR 2018 FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL UNAUDITED REPORT AND CASH BALANCE**. Director Baca seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

d. Final Review and Approval of MOA between Bureau of Reclamation, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and MRGCD on Developing a Water Leasing Program - Mike Hamman, CE/CEO

This is a grant agreement that is allowing us to take advantage of a relationship that the Bureau of Reclamation has with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to utilize funds to develop a water leasing program. The implementation plan will come before the Board at a later time. This is a development period to take a look at all of the things that need to be put in place to get an understanding too of all the different pre-1907 opportunities that are out there and to also further understand how we can work with the State Engineer's Office, both in the logistical processes of understanding how to assist in processing declarations and other support that we would give to the State Engineer's Office to help us develop a process that is sanctioned by the State Engineer's Office that would allow for people to park water rights in our bank and profit from them on a leasing program.

And the leasing rule would be developed with us, and we would operate the water bank to benefit the farming community primarily and then also provide alternative leasing opportunities for assuring that certain flow regimes exist to help us with our ESA responsibilities.

Do we just allow the free market system to continue going forward where we just keep our focus on delivering irrigation works and performing our commitments under the biological opinion, one of which is to help develop a water leasing program? As a commitment in that document the District would work on helping to develop a leasing option that would allow us to be very proactive and look out for the interests of the District and contain control of the water banking process and the water leasing process.

The funding (approximately \$180,000 for the first 15 months) would allow us to actually hire staff to do the research, to provide support to the Albuquerque State Engineer's Office, the water rights office, to figure out ways to possibly expedite pre-1907 declarations and optimize approvals of those, if, indeed, they come in. We could do all the front-end work for that to help our constituents that walk in that don't really understand water rights that would like to declare their rights. We want to be in a position to help with that.

Director Romero did not feel comfortable voting on this topic since two board members are irrigators, and they are absent this evening. Chairman Kelly supported moving the vote along because it is essentially a plan to put together the pilot program. Director Moore still had concerns with the way the Resolution read in that she didn't feel it protected the farmer enough. She felt that the Resolution was more for habitat improvement.

Discussion ensued, and Directors Romero and Moore remained leery of the Resolution. Director Moore remained focused that the MRGCD must protect the irrigators and farming community. Chairman Kelly made suggestion of adding a new paragraph "e," entitled "Farm-to-Farm Transfers: The pilot program will be designed to facilitate farm-to-farm transfers, either through the MRGCD water bank or via farmer-to-farmer negotiations with appropriate administrative oversight." The current "e" would then become "f" and "f" becomes "g."

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED MOA BETWEEN BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION, AND MRGCD, ON DEVELOPING A WATER LEASING PROGRAM.** Director Baca seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED.** Director Moore abstained from the vote. Director Romero voted nay.

e. Final Review and Approval of Agreement between National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the MRGCD to Provide Funding for MRGCD for Phase I of Water Leasing Program – Mike Hamman, CE/CEO

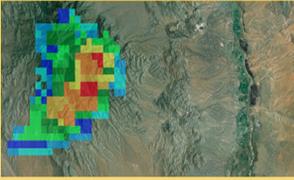
This Agreement has been reviewed by counsel, and those comments have been incorporated. For the most part the NFWF has also reviewed this, but there may be some non-substantive amendments, possibly after today, from the counsel at NFWF. It is essentially straightforward. It just speaks to the financial components. It also has all the typical issues that if we got into any kind of dispute, it has different processes for getting out of the agreement. This is a 100% grant.

Director Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE (SUBSTANTIALLY AS ATTACHED) THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION AND THE MRGCD TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR MRGCD FOR PHASE I OF WATER LEASING PROGRAM.** Director Dunning seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED.** Directors Moore and Romero abstained from the vote.

f. Update on Flood Events in Belen and San Antonio – Mike Hamman, CE/CEO

Jason Casuga displayed a presentation and reviewed pictures of the damage during the flood events in San Antonio. Mr. Casuga wanted to extend a lot of thanks to first responders and community partners for all the hard work they've done.



<p>NexRad Radar Image</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time of Radar Image is approximately 7:15 pm. • Mountain range started to receive rain at approximately 5:00 pm. <p>4 MRGCD</p>	<p>Google Earth Image</p>  <p>5 MRGCD</p>	<p>Photos</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-25 southbound off ramp bridge looking east <p>6 MRGCD</p>
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<p>Photos</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Crossing of Elmendorf Drain. Photo looking northwest. <p>10 MRGCD</p>	<p>Photos</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Destroyed railroad bridge. Photo looking north. • "Temporary Repair" railroad arroyo crossing. Photo looking east <p>11 MRGCD</p>	<p>THANK YOU'S</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Mexico State Police • MRGCD Crews • Bureau of Reclamation • Bosque Del Apache Wildlife Refuge • Bureau of Land Management • New Mexico Department of Transportation • Socorro County • City of Socorro • Socorro Public Schools <p>12 MRGCD</p>

Director Moore also wanted to thank the crews for their hard work, and she added they work with a smile on their faces.

Mike Hamman reported that the Highline Canal area flooding in Belen was addressed in terms of getting the canal back in shape over a week ago. There was no significant structural damage, just mostly clean up of mud, silt, and sediment. The media was out in full force wanting to do a story on it. Mr. Hamman reported that the big story to him was that everybody pulled together. We were able to shift the narrative away from it being an MRGCD canal break causing all the damage to a major storm that damaged a lot of facilities. The City of Belen, Mayor Cordova was on target with the press discussions about this is a big storm that overwhelmed the irrigation canal that doesn't have capacity to be a flood control structure. That narrative has continued. The same thing applies to the San Antonio storm, overwhelming flood event that our system had really nothing to do with. We were a victim in that as well.

Mr. Casuga added that MRGCD will be filing a public assistance form, and all of those dollars get put into the same pot so, if money is released by the State, we can be reimbursed for both emergency response and for recovery. There's some recovery work that we're going to have to do in the off season. We have about 1,000 feet or more of concrete-line channel that is basically wrecked. The threshold is right around \$400,000.

Director Baca also wanted to commend Chief Hamman for how he handled correcting the narrative for MRGCD. He also reported that there were a lot of positive comments on social media about the MRGCD.

g. Notification of the 2018 MRGCD Water Service Charge Reclassification Hearing per NMSA 73-18-8.1; hearing scheduled for September 10, 2018

Mike Hamman reported that we are moving forward with the notification of the 2018 MRGCD water service charge reclassification hearing that will be scheduled for September 10, 2018, at 1:00.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – REPORT(S) FROM THE MRGCD ATTORNEY(S) (Chief Water Counsel and/or General Counsel)

Counsel reported that their items were to be covered during the Executive Session.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – REPORT(S) FROM THE MRGCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

a. Finance Committee Meeting July 23, 2018, Chairman Kelly and Directors Moore and Romero

The finance committee (Directors Romero and Moore and Chairman Kelly) went through the FY18 fourth quarter financials in a little more detail. It is required that we send this year-end report to DFA via the resolution. We also discussed how we will fund some of these large capital improvements. The committee continues to ponder the issue of using the endowment fund to back up a potential bond issue. One of the long-term goals in Mr. Hamman's action plan is to figure out how should we manage the endowment fund to the benefit of the District other than making a .25% interest on it that has zero impact on the operating budget.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)7

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Director Baca seconded the motion and the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously (by roll-call vote)

Director Dunning	Yes	Director Moore	Yes
Director Baca	Yes	Director Romero	Yes
Chairman Kelly	Yes		

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION.** Director Baca seconded the motion and the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously (by roll-call vote)

Director Dunning	Yes	Director Moore	Yes
Director Baca	Yes	Director Romero	Yes
Chairman Kelly	Yes		

During Executive Session, the Board reviewed the form of joint agreement for settlement of protests to water right transfers and gave Mr. Hamman direction to finalize the form of the joint agreement and implement that agreement with the appropriate parties.

With no further comments, questions or concerns, Director Moore made the **MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**. Director Romero seconded the motion and the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of July 23, 2018.

ATTESTED:

David M. Fergeson
Secretary/Treasurer

Glen Duggins, Chairman
MRGCD Board of Directors