

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
ON PENDING LEGAL MATTERS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

DECEMBER 22, 2020

Directors having been duly notified; Chair Dunning called the special meeting to order at 2:01 pm at the MRGCD General Office. The following Directors and Staff were present:

DIRECTORS		STAFF	
Karen Dunning, Chair	Present	Mike Hamman	Chief Engineer/CEO
Joaquin Baca, Vice Chair	Present	Pamela Fanelli	Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
John Kelly, Director	Present	Lorna Wiggins	General Counsel
Valerie Moore, Director	Present	DeAnna Philips	GIS Tech/Board Liaison
Michael T. Sandoval, Director	Present		
Barbara Baca, Director	Present		
Stephanie Russo Baca, Director	Present		

The following names of individuals were interested callers and/or participants:
Robert Becker, YLaw, PC

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Madam Chair Dunning led the Pledge of Allegiance at today's meeting. She declared a quorum and noted that the meeting was publicly noticed although there were no public callers to welcome.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

No adjustments to the agenda were made.

Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA**. Director Baca seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously. Rollcall vote was administered, and the **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Director Kelly	Yes	Director Sandoval	Yes
Director Baca	Yes	Director Russo Baca	Yes
Vice Chair Baca	Yes	Director Moore	Yes
Chair Dunning	Yes		

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Madam Chair Dunning requested a motion to move into Executive Session.

Director Kelly **MADE THE MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO NMSA 1978 OPEN MEETINGS ACT (SECTION 10-15-1(H)7)**. Director Baca seconded the motion.

Rollcall vote was administered, and the **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Director Kelly	Yes	Director Sandoval	Yes
Director Baca	Yes	Director Russo Baca	Yes
Vice Chair Baca	Yes	Director Moore	Yes
Chair Dunning	Yes		

Madam Chair Dunning adjourned the meeting at 2:04pm.

Madam Chair Dunning reconvened the meeting at 3:11pm.

Madam Chair requested a motion to move back into the regular Board meeting. Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO MOVE BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION**. Director Baca seconded the motion.

Rollcall vote was administered, and the **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Director Kelly	Yes	Director Sandoval	Yes
Director Baca	Yes	Director Russo Baca	Yes
Vice Chair Baca	Yes	Director Moore	Yes
Chair Dunning	Yes		

Madam Chair said a decision was made about a possible settlement to litigation that the District has been involved.

Madam Chair requested a motion to address the issues that came up in executive session. Director Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CLAIMS THAT HAVE BEEN ASSERTED BY THE 18 PLAINTIFFS IN THE ROMERO V. MRGCD LITIGATION THAT IS PENDING IN VALENCIA COUNTY**. Vice Chair Baca seconded the motion.

Rollcall vote was administered, and the **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Director Kelly	Yes	Director Sandoval	Yes
Director Baca	Yes	Director Russo Baca	Yes
Vice Chair Baca	Yes	Director Moore	Yes
Chair Dunning	Yes		

Chair Dunning wished everyone a very, Happy Holiday and to celebrate safely.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of December 22, 2020.

ATTESTED:

 Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
 Secretary/Treasurer

 Karen Dunning, Chair
 MRGCD Board of Directors