

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
NOVEMBER 19, 2018**

Directors having been duly notified, Chairman Duggins called the regular meeting to order at 3:02 pm at the MRGCD General Office. The following Directors and Staff were present:

<b>DIRECTORS</b>		<b>STAFF</b>	
Glen Duggins	Chairman	Mike Hamman	Chief Engineer/CEO
Derrick J. Lente	Vice-Chair	Dr. DuMars	Chief Water Counsel
Joaquín Baca	Director	Lorna Wiggins	General Counsel
Karen Dunning	Director	David M. Fergeson	Secretary-Treasurer
John Kelly	Director	Jeanette Bustamante	Administrative Officer/CPO
Beverly Romero	Director	David Gensler	Water Operations Manager
Valerie Moore	Director	Becky Burnham	Budget Analyst
		Daniel Arquero	Cochiti Division Manager
		Mike Lopez	Construction QC Manager
		Sandy Ontiveros	Records Specialist
		Christine Nardi	Human Resource Director
		Jason Casuga	Engineer Manager
		Sloan Washburn	Belen Division Manager
		Anderson Tolth	Albuquerque Division Field Labor

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

Earl DeBrine	Viola Sanchez, Designated Engineer, BIA
Ernie Marquez, MRGCD Election Director	Jan Markell - Socorro
Jeff Willis, AMAFCA	

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Anderson Tolth, from MRGCD led the Pledge of Allegiance. Anderson Tolth has been with MRGCD for a year. He currently takes care of the facility, from tools to supplies, and he is the safety equipment coordinator, an important part of the District's safety committee.

Chairman Duggins welcomed the guests and declared a quorum.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA**

Director Baca corrected 9.d. from South Valley Neighborhood Association to Blake Road Neighborhood Association.

Director Dunning asked if items 7.f. and 9.a. could be combined, since they were involving the same topic of the NWRA Conference. She also asked if items 7.d. and 9.e. also be combined since they are the same topic of elections.

Mike Hamman added item 7.k., Middle Rio Grande Flood Control Association Meeting, December 4, 2018.

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA WITH THE ABOVE CHANGES NOTED.** Director Kelly seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – APPROVAL OF MRGCD PAYMENT RATIFICATION AND ATTORNEY INVOICES**

**a. Consideration/Approval of Payment Ratification for November 19, 2018**

Director Kelly asked for a one-minute update regarding the Bohannon Huston and Alpha Southwest work on the Socorro Electric Co-Op. Mike Hamman deferred to Jason Casuga. Mr. Casuga reported that the project is going full force; all PVC pipe is in the ground. They are working on a welded steel pipe crossing now, which will be complete in two to three weeks. Alpha Southwest has started fabrication of all major pump elements, and pumps are on their way From Germany and should be delivered in January. If everything goes well, the goal is to be testing the plant in late March or early April.

Director Moore asked if the answering service was provided to all districts. David Fergeson responded that it is just in Albuquerque and Belen.

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MRGCD PAYMENT RATIFICATION FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2018**. Director Romero seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

**b. Consideration/Approval of October 2018 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins**

No comments or discussion by Directors.

Director Moore made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2018 INVOICE FOR WIGGINS, WILLIAMS & WILLIAMS**. Director Kelly seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

**c. Consideration/Approval of October 2018 Invoice for Law and Resource Planning Associates**

Chuck DuMars suggested that our contract hydrologist, David Romero, make a presentation regarding his findings on return flows to the Rio Grande to the Board in executive session. Everyone agreed that would be a good idea.

Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2018 INVOICE FOR LAW AND RESOURCE PLANNING ASSOCIATES**. Director Romero seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – APPROVAL OF MRGCD MEETING MINUTES**

**a. Consideration/Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting - October 22, 2018**

Director Dunning pointed out that on line 391, the minutes reflected that Director Moore seconded a motion; however, she was not in attendance of the meeting. She also suggested that noting "all board members simultaneously raised their hands to second adjourning the meeting."

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 22, 2018**. Director Romero seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

After approval of the minutes, Mike Hamman polled the Board to be sure that the minutes were adequate and to their satisfaction. All board members agreed with Mike Hamman that they are receiving a good product.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR (Comments are held to six (6) minutes)**

No one from the public wished to make comments during today's meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – REPORT(S) FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**a. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation – Ms. Jennifer Faler, Area Manager**

Ms. Faler was not in attendance of today's meeting.

**b. U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs – Ms. Viola Sanchez, Designated Engineer**

Viola Sanchez reported that the irrigation season ended quite successfully. It was a better year than anticipated ending with 1,264-acre feet of San Juan-Chama water saved for next year. The tribes' irrigation went to November 5, and Isleta went to November 15 on demand. Prior and Paramount operations started the first of September, and by mid-September, non-Indians were being irrigated as a result of extra water in the system. Currently, the only outstanding issue from the season is some communication on the releases. Reclamation tended to do a steady release. If you look at the water rights, the natural flows belong to the tribes first, and the releases are just secondary to supplement any shortage of natural flow. BIA is now moving to the off-season operation and maintenance.

Director Dunning asked status on the sediment removal at Isleta. Ms. Sanchez responded that it is ahead of schedule. She deferred to Jason Casuga for more information and details. Isleta seems to be happy with the progress. Mike Hamman added that MRGCD dedicated two 20-yard dump trucks and a loader to work on it consistently. We are making good progress.

Mike Hamman also informed the Board that we've completed our third year of BIA contract operations and he does not believe there will be any problems with renewing this option year. He believes they will discuss increasing mowing costs because of issues with not being able to use herbicides (five of the six pueblos do not allow herbicide use). Ms. Sanchez added that currently the pueblos have no complaints, and are working well with MRGCD.

Director Kelly added that MRGCD and the Water Utility Authority have funded impressive forest restoration work at the San Juan-Chama Diversion in Colorado through the Rio Grande Water Fund. One of the goals this year is to hit 100 charter signatories, and the BIA is not one of those partners. He asked if the BIA would join the Bureau of Reclamation and the Forest Service in joining. Ms. Sanchez said it was possible, adding that she would look into it. She added that right now they are operating under a continuing resolution and are only funded until December 9. So, they are up in the air financially currently. It is, however, something they can look at. The other option that they could possibly look at is that BIA has a fairly large forester component. So, there may be an option to get some BIA resources from forestry.

Viola Sanchez added that with the upcoming contract, they are trying to look at every road crossing and pedestrian crossing across ditches on the Pueblos and try and determine the responsibilities for all of them.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – REPORT(S) FROM THE MRGCD CHIEF ENGINEER - Mike Hamman, CE/CEO**

- a. **Procurement Award – Jeanette Bustamante, Administrative Officer/CPO**
  - 1. **Rock Hauling Services Contract**

Three bids were received, and the evaluating committee is recommending Guzman Construction for Rock Hauling Services Contract.



# Memorandum

**To: MRGCD Chairman Duggins and Board of Directors  
Mike A. Hamman, CEO/CE  
David Ferguson, Secretary-Treasurer**

**From: Jeanette Bustamante, Procurement Officer/CPO**

**Date: November 9, 2018**

**Re: ABSTRACT FOR ROCK HAULING SERVICES, APPROX 30,000 TONS**

Bid for Rock Hauling Services was advertised on October 7<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and eight (8) contractors attended the pre-bid meeting held on October 11, 2018:

**ABSTRACT OF ROCK HAULING SERVICE BIDS**

Contractor	OPTION 1				OPTION 2		
	Phase 1	Phase 2	Certified Scale	Weigh Master	Phase 1	Phase 2	Portable Scale
Guzman Construction	\$ 8.08/T	\$12.28/T	\$15,000.00	\$25.00/Hr.	\$ 7.08/T	\$12.28/T	\$15,000.00
A-1 Quality Redi Mix	\$13.75/T	\$15.00/T	\$98,552.50	\$4,800.00	\$13.75/T	\$15.00/T	\$35,000.00
Rancho Viejo	\$28.00/T	\$28.00/T	\$35,000.00	\$18.00/Hr.	\$28.00/T	\$28.00/T	\$70,000.00

  

Contractor	OPTION 3		
	Phase 1	Phase 2	Loader Weight Scale
Guzman Construction	\$ 7.08/T	\$12.28/T	No Cost
A-1 Quality Redi Mix	\$13.90/T	\$15.15/T	No Cost
Rancho Viejo	\$28.00/T	\$28.00/T	No Cost

After thorough review, staff recommends award to Guzman Construction for OPTION 3 using Loader Weight Scale for hauling approx. 30,000 tons of rock between Phase 1 and Phase 2 Projects. Contract will be awarded per the individual Unit Costs for Phase 1 and Phase 2 plus GRT. Please Note: Quantities for each Phase have not been finalized.

Director Kelly suggested that this award be approved subject to doing a calibration on their loader weight scale, they dump whatever they say is it is, and then weigh the truck and take out a bit for fuel that was burned. Jason Casuga explained that he and Mike Lopez

recommended the loader scale because they felt that it was more bang for the buck when one compared the three options. Mr. Casuga added that Director Kelly was correct, and that the scales would be checked randomly. Mr. Casuga further explained that the loader will log the weight that they put into the truck. The tickets will be collected by MRGCD at the dump location. MRGCD is following regularly commercial standard processing for rock delivery.

Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE ROCK HAULING SERVICES CONTRACT, PER THE RECOMMENDATION.** Director Moore seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED.**

**b. Chief Executive Officer Contracting Authority (For Informational Purposes)**

**1. Consultant and Lobbying Contract**

Mike Hamman, under his contracting authority, approved John Thompson's new contract for the MRGCD's Consultant and Lobbying contract, on a year-to-year basis not to exceed four (4) years.

**c. End of Season Water Report - David Gensler, Water Operations Manager**

The season has wrapped up. Most of our canals were shut off sometime between October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup>. We let some of the stuff up north run through the weekend of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> for the Pueblos for ceremonies, but everything to the north of Albuquerque was shut off on that Monday morning. We did go ahead and leave things running for Isleta Pueblo through November 15<sup>th</sup>.

In general, there was very little demand for water. We only made a handful of deliveries down there, with the last one being made during the second week of November. We are done, and everything is shut down. All of our dams are opened up, and canals are dried up now. Flows have remained really low in the river. What's coming across the state line from Colorado is almost unprecedented to be this low this late in the season. We saw almost no change in the river once we shut down, because we had reduced our operations so gradually over time. In the prior years, there was kind of a big rush right to October 31<sup>st</sup>, and the gates were opened, then all the canals drained into the river, and the river shot up. Not this year. It just kept coming down slowly, and when we shut off, there was almost no change in the base flow of the river.

Currently, there is about 330 CFS at Otowi, which is really low for this time of year. A little less than that coming out at Cochiti, probably around 320 today, and they're losing storage slightly. So, they may have to either reduce their release or increase Abiquiu. We got about 175 in the river today at Albuquerque. Once you get down south, it picks up as our drain returns come in, and there is a little over 300 down at San Acacia today.

As far as I can tell, I think we're doing pretty well on our compact deliveries for the year. I haven't had an update from the State Engineer's Office for a while. But it looks to me like we're delivering basically 100% now down to the Butte. So, it should be a pretty good course this year.

It's worth noting that the tank is empty. We finished up the season with about 1,280-acre feet of water in storage, which is sitting in El Vado right now. That's all San Juan-Chama water.

Hopefully, we'll have a good snow pack over the winter, and we'll start fresh going into 2019.

Director Dunning thanked David Gensler for getting us through this challenging water season. Director Dunning then asked if Mr. Gensler had the fish numbers yet. David Gensler responded that the fish numbers were announced last week, and they did not look better. He was rather disappointed. We were given a number by the Fish and Wildlife Service of 0.1, which is below the target we were hoping to hit at 0.3. There will be some analysis and some modeling, and there may be some adjustments to the numbers based on the modeling. There was a meeting last week with Fish and Wildlife Service to update them on the Biological Opinion. We discussed the fish numbers at length. Mr. Gensler thought it was very interesting that numbers continued to decline throughout the year and decline so rapidly through September and October, apparently, because we actually had less drying through October than what we had earlier in the summer because of some of the rains and the water operation that happened with Reclamation and the Water Utility Authority releasing water. There was pretty good water movement through September and October. So, actually, our drying got a little bit less late in the season, but the fish numbers went down, which didn't make a whole lot of sense to Mr. Gensler.

Director Baca noted that he had met with the Los Padilla's Acequia Association. They wanted to express their appreciation to Calvin Zuni. They really like him. He's been excellent for them. They also wanted to say that Mr. Gensler has done a great job, and they are happy and that the season had gone well for them, despite everything. Director Baca also thanked Mr. Gensler for his hard work during this challenging season.

Director Moore wanted a quick update on the Article VII Restrictions with the Compact. David Gensler responded that he believes he are sitting on about 37,000-acre feet of storage credit (that was off the top of his head), something in the order of mid to upper 30,000 range. Director Moore then asked if he knew how long the restrictions would remain in effect. He responded that they will be in effect until the Butte rises; total combined project storage rises above 400,000-acre feet. If there is a good runoff, maybe it'll happen next spring, maybe not, but, at the moment, it doesn't look very good. Director Moore also thanked Mr. Gensler for his hard work and said she had very little complaints from the irrigators this season. Mr. Gensler responded that he did have complaints; however, everyone seemed to be understanding and cooperative of the situation.

Mr. Gensler wanted to make sure that Director Dunning had the information she was inquiring about while he was on vacation regarding the meeting on the Rio Chama. Mr. Gensler took this opportunity to report that he did attend the meeting on the Rio Chama for the flow ops this winter, and it was kind of uneventful.

From a water operations standpoint, it's a rough year on the Chama. No one has anything to move this winter. So, we're probably looking at extremely low base flows, probably down in the 60, maybe even less, 60 CFS, 50 CFS range. There just isn't any water being moved from one reservoir to the next this winter.

They did hear two presentations, one on insect health and the river and one on the economics of reregulating reservoirs. He was a little disappointed in that presentation because it was entirely slanted toward hydropower production, which is a really small part of the economy up there. They completely ignored the water costs of reregulating in the reservoirs and evaporative losses that would be incurred. Mr. Gensler spoke up about that.

**d. Consideration/Approval of 2019 Election Director & MRGCD Election Officer and List Compiler**

Mike Hamman explained that essentially it is recommended that the Board approve appointing two of the MRGCD staff members, Doug Stretch for the list compiler and

Jeanette Bustamante as the election officer, as well as the election director, who is under contract to conduct the next election.

Director Kelly asked if these duties for the MRGCD staff (specifically Mr. Stretch and Ms. Bustamante) are covered under their job descriptions. Mike Hamman responded that all staff positions are currently undergoing a rewrite of job descriptions, and these duties will be covered in their current job descriptions. While Director Kelly agreed with Lorna Wiggins that the duties are covered under "other duties as assigned," he would like these duties to be specific items in their job descriptions because it is a major element of their work every two years.



## Memorandum

**TO: MRGCD BOARD CHAIRMAN DUGGINS & BOARD DIRECTORS**

**FROM: MIKE HAMMAN, MRGCD CE/CEO**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2018**

**RE: RATIFICATION OF OFFICIALS FOR 2019 MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION**

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Submitted for your consideration and approval are the following individuals to be ratified for the 2019 Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Board of Director's Election to be held June 4, 2019:

ELECTION DIRECTOR: Ernie Marquez, Automated Election Services

LIST COMPILER: Doug Strech, MRGCD GIS Supervisor

ELECTION OFFICER: Jeanette Bustamante, MRGCD Administrative Officer/CPO

Director Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2019 ELECTION DIRECTOR AND MRGCD ELECTION OFFICER AND LIST COMPILER**. Director Dunning seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

- e. **Report on the Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition Meeting on November 7, 2018 - Jason Casuga, Engineering Division Manager**

Jason Casuga reported that he had the opportunity to attend the Pueblo Coalition meeting as an alternate for Mike while he was out of town in California.

I was able to present to the Pueblo Coalition that the District, since January, has been working on a pilot project with the Pueblo of Isleta, who volunteered to develop an electronic work plan process with MRGCD. This process allows the members from each pueblo to have a unique log-in name, where they would log their work requests. When they hit submit, that comes very quickly to the District, and then the individual division managers have the ability to manage it.

The District has gotten better at working with the tribes, mainly because we're getting better at understanding what they need quickly, and this is just the next step in that. We spent a lot of time discussing this work plan.

Jason Casuga noted that he can't say thank you enough to the Pueblo of Isleta staff and the Pueblo itself for allowing that to happen. They were instrumental in developing the pilot.

The Pueblo Coalition asked Mike Hamman and I to talk more about the pilot. It's now time to start rolling it out to every individual pueblo, if they want to do their work plans this way. The nice part about it is it'll be how we house the work plan, but the tribes can opt not to have access to it and really do the old method if they want to. Based on the feedback that we have gotten, they are very much interested in having a process that is fully auditable. We have the tools to audit every log-in, every change, so that there's a lot of accountability to what's requested and then how fast the District responds. Mike Hamman and I will attend the Pueblo workgroup meeting on November 26<sup>th</sup> to present this to the work group and hopefully buy-in broader support from each individual tribe.

The last item was that Viola Sanchez, Mike Hamman, Jason Casuga, and the individual tribes will be talking together to really bring a strong understanding of crossings built early in the '30s, to what's been built through time. It will be a long process; however, it is a worthwhile endeavor because if we can settle that, the work plans on an annual basis become quite simple and very easy to execute in a timely manner.

Director Dunning asked the definition of pedestrian crossing, i.e., a board across a ditch or a real bridge. Jason Casuga responded that, first; they will be looking at the structure record cards from 1935, which tell us "pedestrian based on size or vehicle." Ms. Sanchez and Mr. Casuga will start with the old wood bridges, because the wood bridges were built in varying widths, many depending on what they intended to serve. The District is investing to be able to at least have a standard for pedestrian crossings. Viola Sanchez added that usually at the pueblos, the larger main canals and laterals are District facilities, and the smaller ones with the boards across them are pueblo facilities. Usually what they are looking at is old structures, in some cases steel catwalks or pedestrian crossings. They've started using just a culvert crossing as well, just making it narrower so you can't drive on it. A lot of them are so that the tribes can access some other traditional sites that they walk up to, which is main concern for those types of crossings.

Director Kelly asked Mr. Casuga when MRGCD will go to RCP (reinforced concrete pipe) for culvert crossing. Mr. Casuga responded that the RCP discussion is an interesting one, mainly because he thinks we are moving our municipal partners that direction, but for non-municipal partners (or our private entities), RCP becomes very costly to them. So, they are working that way, but they are also exploring other types of pipe, like ADS pipe, HDPD pipe. Mike Hamman added that there is also a rehabilitation product that they are going to test that's a rosin-based system that can be cured with UV light.

Director Lente wanted to make one comment to Jason Casuga and Mike Hamman that the evolution of where we've come in regards to our interaction and cooperation and partnership with the pueblos has come a long way to when he first joined this Board. The reason why he joined this Board is because he sat on the other side with the pueblo folks and realized how much that we weren't getting done on the pueblo lands. Where we are



today is night and day. How much more advanced your team works with each other and how much more efficient that your team works alongside each other and with other organizations, like other governmental agencies and the pueblos, is always what he thought we could be. He is proud to be part of this organization.

**f. Report on NWRA Conference and Tour of Imperial Irrigation District (IID), November 7-9, 2018 - Mike Hamman, CE/CEO**

Director Lente reported on the 15 minutes of face-to-face discussion with the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation. They talked about the same things that they have in the past, i.e., transfers of projects, issues at El Vado, making sure that we are partners to the best extent possible. This year, however, they spent a little bit more time on a more personal note. They discussed how the District has transformed into more of a partner and collaborator with their pueblo partners, knowing that the Bureau of the Reclamation has a trust responsibility to the pueblos. They also discussed how MRGCD intends to pursue much more partnerships in the future and the fact that Bureau of Reclamation collaboration, funding, and support of MRGCD projects helps their trustees (the pueblos). The Commissioner seemed to be interested in the discussion on this topic.

Director Lente felt it was important to continue to keep MRGCD in front of the Commissioner and felt this was a good use of time.

Director Moore gave a synopsis on each of the workshops she attended. The Western Water Roundtable was interesting with their top priority being to ensure clean drinking water. Topics included Colorado River Basin, the political change that just occurred right after the election, making sure water infrastructure within the United States is a top priority, California taxing farmers for water, reorganization of Department of the Interior, proposals for dams to be built in California, the decrease in water at main storage facilities (Lake Powell and Lake Mead), and emergency planning and response. Director Moore felt she got a lot out of the conference and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Chairman Duggins discussed his enjoyment of the tour of Imperial Valley. He reported that it was beautiful. What struck him more than anything was how important the farmers' needs are to the board members. One of the biggest things he noted was their lack of weeds. Chairman Duggins also had long discussions with Chairman Hanks about salt problems their farmers face and the use of clay tile drains underneath the fields. Upon reflection, Chairman Duggins realized that sometimes we are "chasing the big apple," and focusing on a 100-year project rather than improving the systems now. Chairman Duggins also learned a lot during the tour and felt it was a great trip.

Chuck DuMars explained their following program in a little more detail to the group.

Mike Hamman appreciated the tour at IID and also the interesting discussion going on at the conference, including but not limited to shortage sharing on the Colorado River that could affect our San Juan-Chama project down the road. He also discussed what may be coming down in regards to drought contingency planning. Mike Hamman spent some time with the IID operations manager and learning about their 24/7, 365-day-a-year operation. They are on-demand completely. He is excited about what he has learned and looks forward to adopting some of the approaches he learned about.

Director Lente was curious how they controlled their weeds and asked Mike Hamman if it made sense to contract the weed work out for MRGCD. Mike Hamman advised Director Lente that there are a lot of things they are currently looking at, and contracting out could also be a possibility. Director Lente reported that 60% of the calls he receives as a board

member are the constituents complaining about the weeds. He is very interested in looking at different ways to control the weeds.

Discussion ensued with Mike Hamman and Chuck DuMars discussing the differences of how they raise their rates versus MRGCD raising rates, income stream, etc.

Director Kelly started discussing securing a location for the reregulation reservoir in Valencia County. Mike Hamman reported that it is in process now our BHI study. Mr. Mechenbier is working through the issue. Director Kelly is anxious to start working on this as soon as possible.

Director Dunning asked about Mike Hamman's lifetime ban of bringing up projects that he was involved in when he was at BOR. Chuck DuMars responded that there is no explanation for the lifetime ban. He believes there is value in revisiting this topic with the current Commissioner.

**g. Report on Presentation on the NM Drought Task Force, November 13, 2018 - Mike Hamman, CE/CEO**

Mike Hamman made a presentation on the interim water committee report. He revised it to make it a similar report to the New Mexico Drought Task Force. Mr. Hamman was invited by State Engineer Tom Blaine to give MRGCD's perspective on how it survived this year and also all the things that MRGCD is doing to prepare the District for long-term drought. It was well-received by the group, and they had a lot of questions.

**h. Update on Belen Area Flood Response - Mike A. Hamman, CE/CEO**

John Thompson and Mike Hamman met with Representative Baldonado to try to plan some kind of a joint effort with local governments to package an Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) and possible other legislative activities to try to help with the southern Valencia / northern Socorro County flooding programs. They met on November 14 at 4:00 with the City of Belen and several other council members, Representative Baldonado, Senator Baca, and county folks to discuss ICIP requests that were already in process and then other requests that could come forward to start to optimize the completion of a master plan.

John Thompson reported that the meeting was well-attended. They are going to make some capital outlay requests, ICIP, and maybe some general appropriation requests as well. Mr. Thompson felt they left with a good direction. It was encouraging for him to hear council member's thoughts that the highline is not a flood control mechanism. They will continue to meet. He has open dialogue with Representative Baldonado, Representative Armstrong, Senator Baca, and Representative Fajardo, and he has offered his services in any way possible to help. He believes this is not a political issue; this is about property and life.

Mike Hamman had one more update on reimbursement through the Department of Homeland Security for damages that occurred during the flood event. MRGCD has received notice that it will be reimbursed approximately \$135,000 to allow relining of the new Belen Highline.

**i. Schedule Finance Committee Meeting - Mike Hamman, CE/CEO, and David Fergeson, Secretary-Treasurer**

Discussion ensued regarding everybody's schedules. Everyone agreed that the meeting will take place on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

**j. Approved Licenses for October 2018 (for Informational Purposes)**

MEMORANDUM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

TO: Mike Hamman, Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Matt Martinez, Licensing and Land Sales Coordinator

DATE: November 19, 2018

RE: MRGCD Licenses

The following license requests were approved by staff for the month of October 2018.

1. SP-054-2018—License with the Center for Social Sustainable Systems (CESOSS) to access the Armijo Acequia right-of-way for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual CESOSS Acequia Celebration and Fun Run on October 28, 2018.
2. SP-056-2018—License amendment with AUI, Inc. to extend the completion date to December 31, 2018 with a start date of October 22, 2018 for dewatering into the Isleta Interior Drain to complete the “Coors Boulevard and Blake Road Improvements” project for Bernalillo County Public Works Division.
3. SP-057-2018—License with AUI, Inc. to install 4200'± of 42"Ø storm drain pipe, to reconfigure the Gun Club Lateral, and to install all new canal infrastructure per “AMAFCA South Valley Flood Reduction Project Black Mesa 3 Dam Outlet, Raymac Dam to Don Felipe Dam Phase II.”. Additionally, a new box culvert will be installed at Dominican Rd. and traffic gates will be installed at specified locations.
4. SP-058-2018—License with Sports Warriors Track Club to access the Corrales Lower Riverside Drain right-of-way for the “Run the Bosque 8K” on October 28, 2018.
5. 3-034-2018—License with Jaramillo Lands, LLC-B to install and maintain a 6' Ø private culvert crossing within the Tome Acequia right-of-way.
6. 3-053-2018—License with Gabe Trujillo to install and maintain a buried conduit for future utilities within the Valencia and Tome Interior Drains right-of-way.
7. 2-055-2018—License with Bernalillo County Public Works to install and maintain a buried fiber optic cable within the San Jose Interior Drain right-of-way.
8. 2-056-2018—License with Bernalillo County Public Works to install and maintain a buried fiber optic cable within the San Jose Lateral right-of-way.
9. 3-070-2018—License with Plateau Telecommunications, Inc. to install and maintain a buried fiber optic cable lead within the Chical Lateral right-of-way.
10. 3-072-2018—License with Plateau Telecommunications, Inc. to install and maintain a buried fiber optic cable lead within the Tome Interior Drain right-of-way.
11. 3-073-2018—License with Plateau Telecommunications, Inc. to install and maintain a buried fiber optic cable lead within the Valencia Interior Drain right-of-way.

12. 3-075-2018—License with Plateau Telecommunications, Inc. to install and maintain a buried fiber optic cable lead within the Valencia Interior Drain right-of-way.
13. 3-078-2018—License with New Mexico Gas Company to install and maintain gas lines within the Valencia and Tome Interior Drains right-of-way.
14. 2-081-2018—License with Raymond Serna to maintain an encroachment within the Alameda Drain Interior Drain right-of-way.
15. 2-083-2018—License with PNM Resources to install and maintain an aerial utility crossing and parallel run within the Isleta Interior Drain.
16. 3-084-2018—License with New Mexico Gas Company to install and maintain a 2” gas line within the La Constancia Acequia right-of-way.
17. 3-086-2018—License with Felix Trujillo to access and maintain an existing private corrugated metal pipe culvert within the Rincon Acequia right-of-way.

**k. Middle Rio Grande Flood Control Association Meeting, December 4, 2018**

Mike Hamman wanted to make the announcement of this breakfast meeting at the Albuquerque Country Club on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, and needed to know a headcount. As of this meeting, two board members and staff will be attending.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – REPORT(S) FROM THE MRGCD ATTORNEY(S) (Chief Water Counsel and/or General Counsel)**

No report was given today.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – REPORT(S) FROM THE MRGCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**a. Report on NWRA Conference in San Diego and Tour of Imperial Irrigation District, November 7-9, 2018 - Directors Duggins, Lente, and Moore**

This topic is covered in 7.f. above.

Director Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPORT ON THE NWRA CONFERENCE AND IMPERIAL IRRIGATION TOUR, NOVEMBER 7-9, 2018**. Director Dunning seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

**b. Report on MRCOG Water Resource Meeting, November 11, 2018 - Director Baca.**

Director Baca attended the MRCOG Water Resource Meeting. They encouraged coordination of regional water plans, as well as support state funding to capitalize the water trust fund, to establish and maintain aquifer measurement and monitoring programs in conjunction with New Mexico State Geology Department and New Mexico Tech, some of their existing aquifer mapping programs, support statewide water conservation strategies, and support forest and watershed restoration programs. They discussed oil and gas ordinance by member governments. Director Baca believes it would be good that have that presentation done with the MRGCD board. There was talk on the regional water plans that had been going out through the states through ISE these past few years on helping develop the database. The Water

Resources Board for the next meeting will be working to help create a database to have that knowledge for everybody who's working on planning.

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPORT ON MRCOG WATER RESOURCE MEETING, NOVEMBER 11, 2018**. Director Romero seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

**c. Report on Los Padilla's Acequia Association Meeting, November 12, 2018 - Director Baca.**

This was the end-of-season meeting. They reviewed what took place over the season. This year wasn't easy, but they were very appreciative of our operations. They love Calvin Zuni. They would like to know who their ditch rider is and would like to be able to look it up on the website. They believe the new website does not contain the information that it had previous regarding the ditch rider.

They also have weed issues. They had a lot of questions of how the weeds were dealt with and asked if the weeds could be taken care of before the water goes out.

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPORT ON LOS PADILLAS ACEQUIA ASSOCIATION MEETING, NOVEMBER 12, 2018**. Director Romero seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

**d. Report on the Blake Road Neighborhood Association Meeting, November 14, 2018 - Director Baca**

Director Kelly requested that Director Baca attend this meeting. They would like put up gate in their area for usual concerns (four-wheelers, theft, clean-up issues). They were unclear on the procedures and funding. Commissioner Quezada sent a representative to the meeting, Michelle Luna. She reported there is funding through Commissioner Quezada's office and Senator Padilla's office. The members of the neighborhood association are going to get together and map out where they want the gates. Michelle Luna will set up a meeting with Mike Hamman to get the ball rolling.

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPORT ON BLAKE ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING, NOVEMBER 12, 2018**. Director Romero seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

**e. Report on Election Committee Meeting, November 19, 2018 - Directors Dunning, Moore, and Baca**

The members of the election committee met with Ernie Marquez, Election Director before today's Board meeting. The draft calendar for the 2019 MRGCD Board of Directors Election was provided. The committee requested more information about the suggested list of polling places and also what the numbers had been for the last couple of elections. The committee is hoping to approve the polling locations at the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Added Note by Director Dunning at the end of this section**

Director Dunning wanted to note that Los Ranchos Village is working on update of their master plan, and they are having a series of public meetings. They asked Director Kelly to come to

their public meeting and be a speaker on water, environment, and MRGCD. He gave a very informative talk. She wanted to thank him for it.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO GO TO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Director Baca seconded the motion. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED.**

- a. **NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)2**
  - 1. **Limited Personnel Matters**
- b. **NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)7**
  - 1. **Threatened or Pending Litigation**
    - a. **O'Connor v. County of Socorro, et al**

Director Moore made the **MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Director Baca seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** (by a roll-call vote).

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

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION.** Director Moore seconded the motion. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

No decisions were made in executive session.

With no further comments, questions or concerns, Director Baca made the **MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.** All board members simultaneously raised their hands seconding the motion and the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of November 19, 2018.

**ATTESTED:**

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David M. Ferguson  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Glen Duggins, Chairman of the Board  
Chairman, MRGCD Board of Direc