

**MINUTES OF THE
THREE THOUSAND SIXTH REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
APRIL 10, 2017**

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

DIRECTORS:

Derrick J. Lente	Chair	
Glen Duggins	Vice-Chair	
Adrian Oglesby	Director	
Karen Dunning	Director	
John P. Kelly	Director	Absent
Chris Sichler	Director	
Beverly Romero	Director	

STAFF:

Michael A. Hamman	Chief Engineer/CEO
Tanya Scott	Chief Water Counsel
Bruce Wiggins	General Legal Counsel
Lorna Wiggins	General Legal Counsel
David Fergeson	Secretary/Treasurer
Jeanette Bustamante	Administrative Officer
Mike Lopez	Construction Technician
Alicia Lopez	Engineer Technician
Sloan Washburn	Belen Division Manager
Jason Casuga	Engineer I
Rusty Swint	ER&T Manager
Joe Brem	Albuquerque Division Manager

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

Ernie Marquez, MRGCD Election Director Jeff Willis, AMAFCA Pat McCraw, South Valley Ink	John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist Phyllis Gills, Self Viola Sanchez, BIA
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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Lente requested that Director Sichler lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Lente welcomed the guests and declared a quorum.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Lente called for approval of the Agenda.

Director Oglesby made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 10, 2017 AGENDA AS MODIFIED**. Director Duggins seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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

- a. Consideration / Approval of Payment Ratification – April 10, 2017

Chairman Lente called for approval of the April 10, 2017 Payment Ratification.

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT RATIFICATION OF APRIL 10, 2017 AS PRESENTED**. Director Romero seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- b. Consideration / Approval of March 2017 Invoice for Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins

Chairman Lente called for approval of the March 2017 invoice for Wiggins, Williams and Wiggins. There were no questions from the Board on the invoice.

Director Romero made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 2017 INVOICE FOR WIGGINS, WILLIAMS AND WIGGINS**. Director Dunning seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

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

- a. Consideration / Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting – March 13, 2017

Chairman Lente called for approval of the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting March 13, 2017. Director Dunning had one correction.

Director Oglesby made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MARCH 13, 2017 AS AMENDED**. Director Dunning seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – UPDATE 2017 NM STATE LEGISLATURE – John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist

Mr. Thompson gave an overview of the 2017 Legislative Session, and indicated that the Governor has until noon April 7th to act on legislation. 122 pieces of legislation were introduced and 277 passes. The most polarizing pieces of legislation was the Local Election Act (HB174 combined with HB104) that the Governor pocket vetoed, along with HB164 which the Governor also vetoed. Mr. Thompson advised the board that he will update the Board if a Special Session is called.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – REPORT FOR THE 2017 ELECTION DIRECTOR – Ernie Marquez, (AES)

- a. Announcement of Candidates for the 2017 MRGCD Board of Directors Election

Mr. Marquez announced the Certified Candidates for the 2017 MRGCD Election who timely submitted their Declaration of Candidacy as required per statute 73-14-25; along with their signed petitions and qualified with the required seventy-five (75) Qualified Electors.



**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
2017 ELECTION
OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
QUALIFIED/CERTIFIED
CANDIDATES**



POSITION NO. 3 – BERNALILLO COUNTY

Karen Dunning

Pat McCraw

POSITION NO. 4 – BERNALILLO COUNTY

Joaquín Baca

POSITION NO. 6 – SOCORRO COUNTY

James Lee Martin

Valerie Moore

POSITION NO. 7 – SANDOVAL COUNTY

Derrick J. Lente

Orlando J. Lucero

- b. Discussion of the 2017 Election Polling Locations

Mr. Marquez advised the Board that Adobe Acres has a conflict with the June 6 date and Mr. Marquez is recommending replacing Adobe Acres with Harrison Middle School as a polling location.

Chairman Lente asked if there were any questions. Director Sichler only commented that the number of polling locations in Socorro is unbalanced compared to Sandoval and Bernalillo County and that this should be reviewed in future elections and consider reducing the number of polling locations. Mr. Marquez responded that the polling locations were approved by the Board. Chairman Lente thanked Mr. Marquez for providing this polling location update.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – FY 2018 Budget – David Fergeson, Secretary-Treasurer

a. Consideration of MRGCD Finance Committee Recommendation for the Annual COLA

Mr. Fergeson reported that with the help of Christine Nardi, HR Director they polled various entities who are giving cost of living raises. The COA will be giving a 1%, ABCWUA @ 2%, State of New Mexico, none and Rio Rancho, Bernalillo & Sandoval Counties and Village of Los Lunas unknown, either they didn't respond or are just stating they are beginning their budget process. As like previous years we compared the CPI and it was different this year compared to the last couple of years when it was below 1%. As of 12/31/2016 the CPO was at 2.1%. Mr. Fergeson also advised the board there will not be any increases for the Health, Dental and Vision insurance. After extensive discussion in the Finance Committee Members recommended a 2% COLA for all MRGCD employees, along with a 1% bulk merit increase that will be phase in mid-year for approx. \$217,000 increase to the budget. Mr. Hamman explained that merits will be based on equalization and performance evaluation and salary range and step increase. Director Sichler stated that we promised the employees a COLA and we owe it to them. Director Dunning inquired about the Salary Survey and Mr. Hamman responded that the first draft will be provided in May. This survey will scale where employees with their specific crafts will be placed in the right salary range.

Chairman Lente called for approval of the 2% COLA and 1% Equalization Fund.

Director Sichler made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2% COLA AND 1% EQUALIZATION FUND AS PRESENTED**. Director Oglesby seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

Chairman Lente then called for approval of the Finance Committee Report March 27, 2017

Director Oglesby made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT MARCH 27, 2017 - DIRECTORS KELLY, ROMERO AND SICHLER**. Director Duggins seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously. The Chairman thanked Mr. Fergeson and the Finance Committee.

b. Consideration of Board Member Budget Requests

Mr. Fergeson requested if the Board of Directors have budget requests for fiscal year 2018 to submit their requests to him at their earliest convenience so that he can include on the budget. Also noted there is \$5,000 for signs. Director Dunning stated that state budget will probably not have any capital outlay and wanted to advise the board the need to start looking at how the District is going to deal with the gate problems, especially in the south valley where the majority of the gates are requested. Director Dunning also asked are gates being budgeted and are they being tracked by material, labor, etc.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Pat McCraw stated she is not in favor of the one-meeting per month, and that most legislative bodies have at least two meetings. She also recommended deferring this action until after the MRGCD Election because there may changes to the Board and they have preferred the 2 meetings a month. Ms. McCraw also expressed that if meeting were scheduled later after 4 or 5pm the public would attend. Ms. McCraw also commented that the Public comment should be earlier on the agenda before action items are discussed, so the public has an opportunity to express their position, etc. She also prefers to have the minutes done verbatim and not summarized.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – CONSIDERATION /APPROVAL OF ONE (1) BOARD MEETING PER MONTH – DIRECTOR ROMERO

Director Romero as we discussed extensively at the last Board Meeting. Therefore I am requesting consideration of approval to change the Board Meetings to one (1) per month. Chairman Lente asked if there are any questions regarding the request by Director Romero. Director Duggins stated he does not agree with one meeting month, stating that both he and Director Romero have been serving on this board less than two (2) years and the meeting time changed once previously and this will be the second time it changes in 2 years. He recommended that this matter be tabled until after the Election to give the opportunity to the newly elected Board to review and participate with this decision. The Chairman asked what the cost for each meeting is and Mr. Ferguson provided a more accurate cost of \$3,000. Mr. Hamman commented that the last six months approx. half of dozen meeting agendas have been fairly light. Chairman Lente stated after eight (8) years on the Board we have evolved and become much more efficient on how we do business as a Board and our staff. As Board Members we sit as policy makers and we entrust staff with as much authority as possible and not micromanage everything they do. The Chairman stated that he is okay with one meeting a month and reserving the 4th Monday for Committee meetings or Special Board meetings.

Director Sichler made the **MOTION TO CANCEL THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING FOR MAY 22, 2017 AND HAVE A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING FOR BUDGET "ONLY" AND MOVE TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION OF OPEN MEETING ACT RESOLUTION UNTIL THE FIRST MEETING IN JUNE.** Director Oglesby seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – REPORT(S) FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

- a. Reports from the US Department of Interior – Jennifer Faler – Was not present.
Following is the BoR Water Report for 4-10-17

1. Heron Summary

Content = 89,435 ac-ft. (04/06)
Azotea Tunnel:200-250 cfs
Total SJ-C inflow year-to-date: 22,500 ac-ft.
Currently releasing: 200 cfs
Current MRGCD storage: 0 ac-ft.

2. El Vado Summary

- A. Total storage (all contractors and natural) in El Vado as of 04/06:
55,423 ac-ft.
- B. Native in El Vado
13,398 ac-ft.
- C. MRGCD SJ-C storage in El Vado
36,933 ac-ft.
- D. MRGCD EDWA:
23,268 ac-ft.
- E. EDWA:
0 ac-ft.
- F. P&P:
0 ac-ft.
- G. All other SJ-C contractors:
92 ac-ft.

Current release is 300 cfs RG Inflow is 200-250 cfs

3. Storage in Abiquiu

Content = 120,883 ac-ft. (06406)
 MRGCD SJ-C storage = 0 ac-ft.

Total water for minnow released to date in 2017: 0 ac-ft.

Snowpack Data

As of 4/7/17 (% of median)
 Rio Chama Basin.....146%
 Upper Rio Grande Basin.....125%
 Sangre de Cristo Basin.....104%
 Jemez Basin.....78%
 San Juan River Basin.....120%

March Streamflow Forecast

Rio Grande @ Del Norte CO	610,000 ac-ft (118%)
El Vado Reservoir Inflow (Mar-Jul)	360,000 ac-ft (160%) April forecast
Rio Grande @ Otowi	920,000 ac-ft (128%) April forecast
Jemez R. below dam	30,000 ac-ft (88%)
Rio Grande @ San Marcial	605,000 ac-ft (119%) April forecast

a. Reports from BIA Designated Engineer, Viola Sanchez

Ms. Sanchez stated this is her first report since being appointed the Designated Engineer. The April forecast for P&P Storage shows 14,473 acre feet. It is physically stored but there's a technicality, it's not tagged and not set aside. The official tagging will happen after the May 1 forecast. There are discussions ongoing about the possibility of releasing the amount that's currently stored for P&P prior to the peak of inflow to El Vado to assist with coming out of Rio Grande Compact Article VII restrictions and for dam safety considerations. The water would then be re-stored at the peak or descending limb of the inflow hydrograph. The O&M Cooperative Agreement A16AC00027 (2017 Irrigation Season). It is anticipated for the amount to be paid to MRGCD for the March 2017 – February 2018 irrigation season will remain the same. First quarterly payment is due June 1, 2017 in the amount of \$180,460.89. The 1st quarter meeting was held March 29, 2017 and the next quarterly meeting is scheduled for June 2017. A large ditch break on the Sile Main Canal in Santo Domingo was repaired by the MRGCD. MRGCD requested that the main canal be straightened, necessitating a change in easements. Changing the easement will likely require an environmental assessment, land survey, and approval of the BIA. MRGCD also changed the alignment of the turnout of the Alto Lateral and a meeting is planned at Santo Domingo to address problems that were encountered. Ms. Sanchez also commended the MRGCD for cleaning up the damage that was done to the lateral.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – REPORT(S) FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER (Michael A. Hamman, MRGCD CEO/CE)

a. Request for Award of the following vehicles and equipment – Jeanette Bustamante.



MEMORANDUM

To: MRGCD Chairman Lente and Board of Directors
 Mike A. Hamman, CEO/CE
 David Ferguson, Secretary-Treasurer
 Jeanette Bustamante, Administrative Officer

From: Richard DeLoia, Purchasing Agent RD

Date: March 27, 2017

REQUESTING BOARD APPROVAL FOR 3/4 TON TRUCK – BELEN DIVISION

After thorough review MRGCD staff is requesting approval for Belen's 3/4 ton 4x4 crew cab truck and recommending award to Power Ford, per NM State Pricing Agreement #70-000-16-00002.

VENDOR	2017 3/4 TON PICK UP TRUCK 4X4		UNIT COST	GRAND TOTAL
Power Ford	MAKE Ford	MODEL F250	\$35,626.00	\$35,626.00

REQUESTING BOARD APPROVAL FOR 1/2 TON TRUCK – BOSQUE PATROL

After thorough review MRGCD staff is requesting approval for a 1/2 ton 4x4 extended cab truck and recommending award to Power Ford, per NM State Pricing Agreement #70-000-16-00002.

VENDOR	2017 1/2 TON PICK UP TRUCK 4X4		UNIT COST	GRAND TOTAL
Power Ford	MAKE Ford	MODEL F150	\$34,860.00	\$34,860.00

REQUESTING BOARD APPROVAL FOR 1/2 TON TRUCKS – COCHITI DIVISION

After thorough review MRGCD staff is requesting approval for two (2) 1/2 ton 4x4 trucks and recommending award to Power Ford, per NM State Pricing Agreement #70-000-16-00002.

VENDOR	2017 1/2 TON PICK UP TRUCK 4X4		UNIT COST	GRAND TOTAL
Power Ford	MAKE Ford	MODEL F150	\$29,471.00	\$58,942.00

ABSTRACT FOR MOWERS, ALBUQUERQUE & BELEN DIVISIONS

After thorough review staff is recommending award to the Lowest Responsible Bidder, Titan Manufacturing

VENDOR	2017 4X4 TRACTOR	60" SIDE MOWER	ROTARY MOWER	2 YEAR EXTENDED WARRANTY	COMMENT	GRAND TOTAL	
						ALBUQUERQUE	BELEN
TITAN MACHINERY	2017 JD 6110M	Alamo Maverick	Alamo 96	All units			
	\$ 91,215.00	\$ 77,890.00	\$8,870.00	\$ 4,990.00	MEETS ALL BID SPECIFICATIONS	\$ 182,965.00	\$ 182,965.00
WAGNER EQUIP.	2017 CAT Challenger	US Mower	Rhino 96	Just tractor	**DOES NOT MEET BID SPECIFICATIONS; UNIT OVERALL WIDTH IS APPROX. 106" & MOWER IS NOT TURRET STYLE AND FAILED TO NOTE THE EXCEPTION AS REQUIRED**	\$ 165,218.00	\$ 165,218.00
	\$ 76,097.00	\$ 79,655.00	\$9,466.00	\$ Included			

Chairman Lente called for approval for Vehicles and Tractor/Mower complete, as recommended by staff. Director Sichler made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE AWARD OF TRUCKS AND TRACTOR/MOWERS AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF**. Director Romero seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

b. Water Report – David Gensler, MRGCD Water Operations Manager

Mr. Gensler gave an overview of the water supply situation and there is very little change from February and March. Otowi inflow is forecast at 780K AF, April-July. Rio Chama basin, forecast at 315K AF, April-July, or 154% of average. This is conservative number and the real number by be

over 350K AF. The big news is that we are out of Article VII restrictions. Usable Project storage at the Butte/Caballo is not currently above 400K AF. With the water we now have in transit through the middle valley, and what is expected to start coming out of the mountains, he stated models indicate that we will remain out of Article VII for some time. The District is not going to begin storing immediately, but will wait until flows on the Chama below Abiquiu reach 1800 cfs. At that point the District will begin storing any water above that level. The river is settling out at about 3000 cfs out of Cochiti. Sediment continues to be a problem, particularly at Isleta dam. The biggest concern continues to be potential of flooding and levees. Water is already up in the Bosque and against the levees throughout most of the valley, and will go higher in May. Director Sichler stated that drainage ditches in his area have a lot of parrot feather, and was wondering with all these high flows would it be a good idea to divert a little extra where it could reach some of these drainage ditches and flush it out. Mr. Gensler responded it sounds like a good idea; parrot feather seems to grow where there is slow moving water, and have also noticed that if you put dirty water it seems to slow the growth. Mr. Gensler also thanked the division managers they have done an excellent job of start-up this year as it was pretty seamless. It went really well behind the scenes there was a lot staff working long hours. Director Duggins asked for several years we have had to deal with not having enough water, so how do we best prepare knowing this was supposed to be a La Nina cycle how do we stay diligent. Mr. Hamman stated we should store as much as we can during the window of opportunity provided it would be performed without threatening the dam. We're also going to have a full supply of the San Juan-Chama allocation. We were able to carry over last year's San Juan-Chama water, because we used the natural water to get through the season, and we were very prudent and we didn't have to use our San Juan-Chama water. The Chairman thanked Mr. Gensler for his Water report, etc.

c. Report on Winter Work Accomplishments – Jason Casuga, MRGCD Engineer 1.

Mr. Casuga wanted to thank Alicia Lopez who did all the drawings and Mike Lopez who oversaw all the projects. Mr. Casuga continued with his detailed power point presentation of Fiscal Year 2017 Construction Projects in Socorro, Belen, Albuquerque and Cochiti Divisions. The presentation included drawings and project construction photos.

- 1) **Socorro Division:** *Socorro Main Canal LCW Sta: 33+50±; Socorro Main Canal LCW (sta. 232+00± Luis Lopez Heading'*
- 2) **Belen Division:** *San Juan MC Drop Check Replacement (Sta: 293+0±), St Jude Drive Crossing, (New Belen Acequia Sta: 416+00±; Romancita Crossing (Peralta Main Canal Sta: 815+00±; Casa Blanca Rd Crossing (La Constancia Acequia Sta: 290+00±; S. Bosque Loop Crossing (Jackson Acequia Sta> 134 00±;*
- 3) **Albuquerque Division:** *Sandia Acequia Check replacement (Sta: 57+00±); Bosque #3 Check Replacement (Sta 76+75±; Beckman Lateral LCW (Sta: 59+00±; Pueblo Acequia Check Replacement (Sta 100_00±; Solid Waste Mgt. Pipe Replacement (Alameda Lateral Sta. 492+00±)*
- 4) **Cochiti Division:** *Sile Main Canal Flume (Sta: 784+00±); Santo Domingo Pedestrian Crossing (Cochiti E. MC Sta: 526+00±); and Sile Main Canal Blowout (Sta: 690+00 to 700+00). Mr. Casuga indicated that the MRGCD did not have standardized designs for structural*

Mr. Casuga stated that the work that was done fell under the purview of the engineering department. This presentation does not capture all the projects that were completed district wide. The MRGCD did not have standardized designs for structural features, so we had Smith Engineering design some standardized weir walls; six (6)feet, four (4)feet and two (2)feet and the designs were included in the presentation. Chairman Lente thanked all the Divisions crews and Engineering for a great job.

d. Report on MRGCD Presentation to the House Agriculture and Water Committee –March 14, 2017 Director Oglesby and CEO, Mike Hamman

Mr. Hamman stated that he and Director Oglesby presented to the House Agriculture and Water Committee and received a positive response. The overall MRGCD operational approach was presented and it was emphasized that the District survives by run-of-the-river flows for irrigation diversions and the District tries to manage to prevent the Rio Grande Compact Article VII situation when developing strategies to meet compact deliveries. The Committee understood and realized the District is not like those that can store the majority of their supplies in reservoirs. Director Oglesby stated he felt there were misconceptions, but we can build a partnership with other regions that deal

with water management issues. Chairman Lente commented that the people need to be educated on how to manage the system efficiently. Mr. Hamman stated that the lower valley legislators seem to think that crops values are higher than in the middle valley perhaps attempting to set up a system where water flows to the highest and best use. This is not part of NM water law.

- e. Report on Emergency Preparations for Potential Flooding due to High Runoff Conditions – CEO, Mike Hamman:

Mr. Hamman stated there is high concerns regarding flooding potential and the District will be commencing “levee patrols” as the runoff unfolds. There are channel capacity concerns due to high river flows, and that it’s going to impact the levees, in Bosque Farms, Belen, etc. The approach is to be prepared and purchase sand bags and stockpile material in strategic areas. We will be attending the (BOR) Annual Operating Plan Meeting, and will be meeting with all the water users to discuss these concerns; fighting potential flooding will be part of the discussion. We will be inviting two federal agencies to tour areas of concern and will try to push 4,000 cfs and evaluate what’s going on and see the channel capacities, and will also work closely with these groups. District staff is in the process of updating the District Emergency Action Plan for all points of contact. Director Dunning asked if the District will work with fire departments. Mr. Hamman responded there is whole response mechanism like the BOR, Corp of Engineers, Homeland Security Action, etc. We are very worried about damage to drains and levees. Director Sichler stated that the Board for several years has said we are going to have big run-off and were going to have issues; so moving forward will we have the channel capacity open. Cochiti has big capacity to hold water. Mr. Hamman stated by June we may not be able to reach 6,000 cfs capacity in the flood channel, and that will be a wake-up call to agencies. Chairman Lente concerned about the houses that are in line about 50 ft. from the river where over bank flooding could occur. They are managing but they were allowed to build there. They will be focused to get the river to take the 6,000 cfs if the COE determines that is required.

- f. Report on El Vado Dam O&M Annual Assessment Meeting with Bureau of Reclamation on March 29, 2017 – CEO, Mike Hamman

The BOR talked about expenses and what they are going to do. Contractors asked them to equalize, and the BOR has done that and set aside the proportional share, and there was a little bit of increase in personnel. Director Oglesby asked what the maximum flow at El Vado is. Mr. Hamman stated 7,000 before it goes over spillway.

- g. Report on Pueblo Coalition Meeting on April 4, 2017 – Chairman Lente and CEO, Mike Hamman

Chairman stated he updated the Coalition on flooding concerns, and commented that it has been a long time that the Coalition has had a good relationship with the District. Mr. Hamman stated that P&P releases are not necessary at this time. Director Oglesby stated that BOR is pretty confident that the peak run-off will not be a problem. Ms. Sanchez, Designated Engineer BIA stated they trying not to use the emergency spillway and are looking at historical data, 4,000-8,000 cfs,

- h. “Announcement” –Bureau of Reclamation Annual Operating Plan Meeting – 1:30 p.m. April 13, 2017
- i. “Announcement” – NM Watershed and Dam Owners Coalition Conference May 4-5, 2017 Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel
- j. Scheduling of an MRGCD Board/Staff Tour of El Vado and San Juan Chama Project

Mr. Hamman suggested a good time to schedule would be the last week in May or first week in June, and he would update the Board on tentative dates.

- k. Approved Licenses for March 2017 (Informational Purposes Only)

12. REPORT(S) FROM THE MRGCD ATTORNEY(S) Chief Water Counsel

Ms. Tanya Scott updated the Board on the ESA Collaborative Program and the transparency and funding through the two (2) federal agencies. She indicated that there are concerns that the funding is going to go to the BOR for the new BO and not much to the CP. They asked the attorneys to look at the statutes and by-laws on how to direct the program. The committee sent a letter to the federal agencies before the retreat meeting to discuss the funding transparency. Ms. Scott added that the retreat is not intended to get tied up with funding issue but to discuss the rolls, responsibilities and the future of the CP.

13. REPORT(S) FROM THE MRGCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a. Report – Finance Committee Meeting - March 27, 2017 – Directors Romero and Sichler
The Finance Committee met prior to the Board Meeting and their discussion on their above on Item 7

Director Oglesby made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT BY DIRECTORS SICHLER AND ROMERO MARCH 27, 2017**. Director Duggins seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- b. Report – 2017 Irrigation Season Informational Meeting Valencia Co. – Directors Romero, Duggins and Sichler. The Valencia News Bulletin reporter was present taking notes. They reported that the meeting only had four people in attendance, and they discussed each topic thoroughly, and Sloan Washburn, Belen Division Manager did a power point presentation on projects completed and ongoing in the Belen Division.

Director Oglesby made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPORT BY DIRECTOR ROMERO, DUGGINS AND SICHLER ON THE 2017 IRRIGATION SEASON INFORMATIONAL MEETING March 25, 2017**. Director Dunning seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- c. Report – Rio Grande Compact Commission Meeting – April 4-5, 2017 Directors Sichler and Duggins

Director Sichler reported that the meeting was very good and well attended, and well worth the money spent for the sponsorship. There are 2 or 3 Engineer Advisory Meetings prior to the compact meeting where decisions were made prior to the meeting, and a lot of the conversations take place at the reception. Director Duggins stated that the Compact Commission thanked the MRGCD for the sponsorship, and that they talked about Rio Grande water accounting and the annual Compact budget.

Director Romero made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPORT BY DIRECTORS SICHLER AND DUGGINS ON RIO GRANDE COMPACT COMMISSION MEETING April 4-5, 2017**. Director Oglesby seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- d. Report – Law of the Rio Grande April 6-7, 2017 – Director Oglesby

Director Oglesby said approx. 120 people attended and the timing of this meeting was good because it coincided with the Compact meeting so entities like EBID stayed a few extra days to attend the conference. There were a legislative updates; and a presentation pertaining to San Augustin Plains, Catron County. Montgomery & Andrews Law Firm Attorney for San Augustin said there is no real legal issue and added the mafia (his clients) is not coming in, and he was asked directly who their client is but would not provide any names. Blaine Sanchez made a presentation and the Isleta tribal council was present. Mr. John Stomp reported to the Conference about recycled drinking water; “showers to flowers” that is using treated effluent that customers will soon be drinking treated sewer water. Albuquerque currently has two separate systems that will be linked. And John Holly spoke about marijuana production and is tacitly being certified by BOR; they are not law enforcement but that water use would be reported to Department of Justice. New warehouses and with no names are popping up all over and taking irrigation water indoors for marijuana production.

Director Romero made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPORT BY DIRECTOR OGLESBY ON LAW OF THE RIO GRANDE April 6-7, 2017.** Director Dunning seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act Section 10-15-1-(H)2
1. Limited Personnel Matters

Chairman Lente requested a motion to move into Executive Session at 5:30 pm.

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO NMSA 1978 OPEN MEETINGS ACT (SECTION 10-15-1(H)7).** Director Oglesby seconded the motion.

Chairman Lente requested a roll call vote:

Director Dunning	Yes	Director Sichler	Yes
Director Oglesby	Yes	Director Romero	Yes
Director Duggins	Yes	Chairman Lente	Yes

The **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

Chairman Lente requested a motion to move back into the regular Board meeting.

Director Dunning **MADE THE MOTION TO MOVE BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION.** Director Oglesby seconded the motion.

Chairman Lente requested a roll call vote:

Director Dunning	Yes	Director Sichler	Yes
Director Oglesby	Yes	Director Romero	Yes
Director Duggins	Yes	Chairman Lente	Yes

The **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

Chairman reconvened the regular meeting at 5:43 pm.

Chairman Lente said for the record that only discussion was had and no action was taken .

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 pm.

Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of April 10, 2017.

Attested:

David M. Fergeson
Secretary/Treasurer

Derrick J. Lente, Chairman
MRGCD Board of Director