

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

SEPTEMBER 24, 2021, 9:30 A.M.

Directors having been duly notified; Madam Chair Dunning called the special meeting to order at 9:38 am at the MRGCD General Office. The following Directors and Staff were present:

DIRECTORS		STAFF	
Karen Dunning, Madam Chair	Present	Mike Hamman	Chief Engineer/CEO
Stephanie Russo Baca, Vice Chair	Present	Dr. Chuck DuMars	Chief Water Counsel
Barbara Baca, Director	Present	Lorna Wiggins	General Counsel
John Kelly, Director	Absent	Jason Casuga	Chief Operating Officer
Joaquin Baca, Director	Absent	Pamela Fanelli	Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Glen Duggins, Director	Absent	DeAnna Phillips	GIS Tech / Board Liaison
Michael T. Sandoval, Director	Present		

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

Judy McSweeney, MRGCD	John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist
Patty Williams, Wiggins, Williams & Wiggins, P.C.	

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Madam Chair led the pledge of allegiance.

Madam Chair declared a quorum with Directors Baca, Duggins and Kelly being absent.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Madam Chair asked for any changes to the agenda and there were none.

Director Sandoval made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA**. Vice Chair Russo Baca seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR (Comments are held to six (6) minutes)

There were no comments from the floor.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN RESOLUTION #M-09-24-21-172 – Mike Hamman, Chief Engineer/CEO and Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM

Mike Hamman explained the MRGCD is considered a special district at the State and has never formalized an Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) with the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) previously. An ICIP is a plan that establishes planning priorities for anticipated capital projects. Mr. Hamman stated that their work with the NM Interstate Stream Commission (NM ISC) to marry several projects of great importance of federal programs and

funding that will be coming to New Mexico, i.e., the Bernalillo to Belen Levee Project. MRGCD is concerned with addressing the cost share components which is approximately one-third of a billion dollars and 35% will have to be paid by local sponsors and its associated partners. NM ISC is the primary partner and the Water Trust Board, etc. Rolf Schmidt-Peterson with NM ISC requested that the District have a formal ICIP that mirrors their requests. He mentioned the deadline to submit to the DFA is Monday, September 27, 2021.

Pamela Fanelli added that the ICIP is that the MRGCD can plan for, fund, and develop infrastructure at a pace that sustains their activities annually; which will be for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027. She said that it was submitted to the local government division through the DFA at the State. She reported the benefits of this ICIP, which she and Judy (McSweeney) researched and received an extension of the deadline. Ms. Fanelli said the elements of the ICIP are completion certification form, permission for access form and the resolution of approval. In addition to that, the MRGCD must add the projects into the state website including the project's description, budget and timeline which Jason (Casuga) did a great job compiling the information.

Further discussion was had. Chair Dunning said that the Department of Finance and Administration has full day training sessions and it's her hope that we can attend next year.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN (ICIP)**

M-09-24-21-172

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District ("District") met in special session at 1931 Second Street, SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102 at 9:30 a.m. on September 24, 2021, as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that the financing of public capital projects has become a major concern in New Mexico and nationally; and

WHEREAS, in times of scarce resources, it is necessary to find new financing mechanisms and maximize the use of existing resources; and

WHEREAS, systematic capital improvements planning is an effective tool for communities to define their development needs, establish priorities and pursue concrete actions and strategies to achieve necessary project development; and

WHEREAS, this process contributes to local and regional efforts in project identification and selection in short and long range capital planning efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that:

1. The District has adopted the attached Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan, and
2. It is intended that the Plan be a working document and is the first of many steps toward improving rational, long-range capital planning and budgeting for New Mexico's infrastructure.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the MRGCD at its meeting of September 24, 2021.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Karen Dunning, Chair of the Board

ATTEST:

Pamela Fanelli, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

RESOLUTION #M-09-24-21-172 AND HAVE THE APPROPRIATE MRGCD STAFF SUBMIT TO THE APPROPRIATE ENTITY ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021. Director Barbara Baca seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

With no further comments, questions or concerns, Madam Chair Dunning adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of September 24, 2021.

ATTESTED:

Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
Secretary/Treasurer

Karen Dunning, Madam Chair
MRGCD Board of Directors