

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

NOVEMBER 8, 2021 - 1:00 P.M.

Directors having been duly notified; Madam Chair Dunning called the regular meeting to order at 1:04 pm 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	Absent	Dr. Chuck DuMars	Chief Water Counsel
Barbara Baca, Director	Present	Lorna Wiggins	General Counsel
John Kelly, Director	Present	Jason Casuga	Chief Operating Officer
Joaquin Baca, Director	Present	Pamela Fanelli	Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Glen Duggins, Director	Absent	Anne Marken	Acting Water Operations Mgr.
Michael T. Sandoval, Director	Present	Mike Lopez	Water Distribution Div. Mgr.
		DeAnna Philips	GIS Tech / Board Liaison

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

Tanya Trujillo, DOI Asst. Secretary for Water and Science	Jennifer Faler, USBR
Sharon Wirth, USBR	Doug Strech, MRGCD
Justin Hendren, USBR	

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Joaquin Baca led the Pledge of Allegiance at today's meeting.

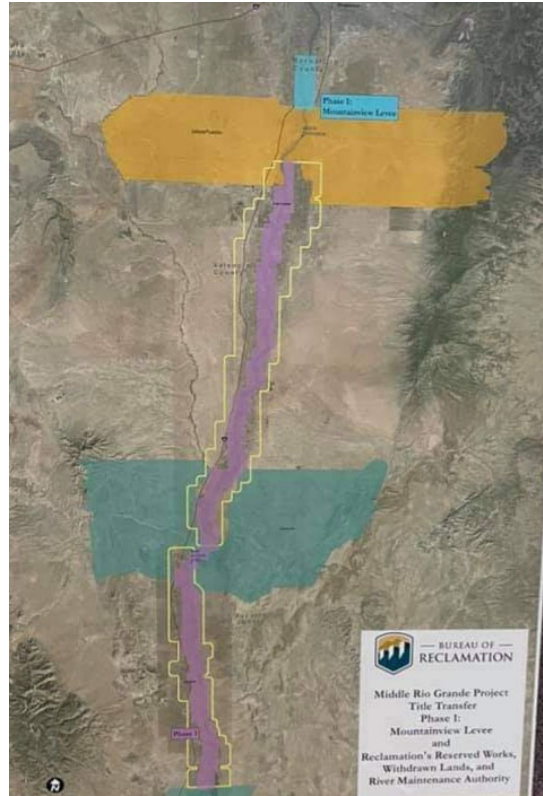
Madam Chair Dunning declared a quorum, and the meeting was publicly noticed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA with the above changes**. Director Sandoval seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – TITLE TRANSFER SIGNING CEREMONY - DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR WATER AND SCIENCE, TANYA TRUJILLO AND MRGCD CHAIR KAREN DUNNING

Mike Hamman, Chief Engineer/CEO showed the Board the boundaries of what the title transfer entailed. He also stated they are petitioning and moving forward with taking operation and maintenance over, so MRGCD can petition the United States for transfer of those facilities. He added that getting the title to these lands would give a lot of additional leverage in working with federal granting and project opportunities in the future. Mr. Hamman then introduced Tanya Trujillo, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science.



Ms. Trujillo stated she has a long tenure working with MRGCD. She stated what the next steps will be. Ms. Trujillo also mentioned that they will be monitoring the El Vado Construction Project very closely to make sure it stays on track.

Director Kelly expressed his appreciation for all the work that was done to make this happen.



(left to right) Jennifer Faler, Sharon Wirth, Director Barbara Baca, Director Sandoval, (seated) Tanya Trujillo, Chair Dunning Director Joaquin Baca, Director Kelly, Mike Hamman, Lorna Wiggins, Dr. Chuck DuMars, Doug Strech

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – 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 Sandoval made the **MOTION TO GO TO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.**
 Director Barbara Baca seconded the motion. Rollcall vote was administered, and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Director Barbara Baca	Yes	Vice Chair Russo Baca	Absent
Director Sandoval	Yes	Director Duggins	Absent
Director Kelly	Yes	Director Joaquin Baca	Yes
Madam Chairwoman	Yes		

Madam Chair Dunning Adjourned the meeting at 1:18 pm.

At the beginning of the regular meeting, Madam Chair Dunning reconvened the meeting at 3:02 pm.

Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO RECONVENE BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION.**
 Director Barbara Baca seconded the motion. Rollcall vote was administered, and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Director Barbara Baca	Yes	Vice Chair Russo Baca	Yes
Director Sandoval	Yes	Director Duggins	Abstain
Director Kelly	Yes	Director Joaquin Baca	Yes
Madam Chairwoman	Yes		

During Executive Session, discussions ensued on threatened or pending litigation. No decisions were made, nor any votes taken during Executive Session.

With no further comments, questions or concerns, Madam Chair Dunning adjourned the special meeting at 3:03 pm.

Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of November 8, 2021

ATTESTED:

 Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
 Secretary/Treasurer

 Karen Dunning, Madam Chair
 MRGCD Board of Directors