

**MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
ON THE  
CORRALES SIPHON PUMPING BIDS**

**FEBRUARY 28, 2022 - 8:00 A.M.**

Directors having been duly notified; Madam Chair Dunning called the special meeting to order at 8:06 am virtually. The following Directors and Staff were present:

<b>DIRECTORS</b>		<b>STAFF</b>	
Karen Dunning, Madam Chair	Present	Jason Casuga	Chief Engineer/CEO
Stephanie Russo Baca, Vice Chair	Present	Charles T. DuMars	Chief Water Counsel
Barbara Baca, Director	Present	Lorna Wiggins	General Counsel
John Kelly, Director	Present	Pamela Fanelli	Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Joaquin Baca, Director	Absent	Anne Marken	Water Operations Division Mgr.
Glen Duggins, Director	Present	Matt Martinez	Water Distribution Division Mgr.
Michael T. Sandoval, Director	Present		

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

Josh Hind, MRGCD	Carole Haynes Residence
Marie VanDerGeest, MRGCD	Russell Trujillo, Corrales Classic Farms
Casey Ish, MRGCD	Lynn Siverts
Richard DeLoia, MRGCD	Anthony Wagner
Judith McSweeney, MRGCD	Michael Chavez
Julian Avalos, MRGCD	David Gensler
Martin Haynes, SCM Partners	

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

Madam Chair Dunning led the Pledge of Allegiance at today's meeting.

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

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

Madam Chair added an informational item to the agenda.

Director Glen Duggins made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA with the above changes**. Director Kelly seconded the motion. Rollcall vote was administered, and the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Director Barbara Baca	Yes	Madam Chair Dunning	Yes
Director Sandoval	Yes	Vice Chair Russo Baca	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	Director Duggins	Yes

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 - ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR (Comments are limited to six (6) minutes)**

There were no items from the floor.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF THE CORRALES SIPHON PUMPING PROJECT BIDS - Jason Casuga, CE/CEO**

Jason Casuga handed it over to Richard DeLoia, the MRGCD Chief Procurement Officer. He stated that the request for quotes (RFQ) for the Corrales Siphon Emergency Pumping Project were solicited using the Bernalillo County Multi-Unit Infrastructure Construction Services Contract #14-19-AB (Contract). The Contract allows use by other Central Purchasing Section with consent from the Contractor. On Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, RFQs were sent out to all contract awardees, including Albuquerque Asphalt, AUI Inc, TLC, and Franklins Earthmoving. One company, AUI Inc, responded with an intent to Bid and contacted MRGCD for a site visit. Quotes were due back by 11:00 am Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. MRGCD received one quote back from AUI Inc. with the bid tabulation totaling \$911,009.00.



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**CORRALES SIPHON ENGINEERS ESTIMATE**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	MRGCD Estimate		AUI Bid	
				UNIT COST	TOTAL	UNIT COST	TOTAL
1	DIESEL PUMPS, WITH 20CFS CAPACITY, 1 PRIMARY AND 1 BACKUP MANIFOLDED TOGETHER, WITH ALL FITTINGS REQUIRED.	9	MONTHLY	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 333,000.00	\$ 39,580.00	\$ 356,220.00
2	SUCTION HOSE & INSTALLATION OF HOSE INTO RIVER	1	LS	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 10,258.00	\$ 10,258.00
3	INSTALLATION 20 TO 24 INCH DISCHARGE HOSE HDPE W/ VALVES, FITTINGS, AND ELBOWS. INCLUDES TRENCH, BURY & BACKFILL	400	LF	\$ 150.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 38,400.00
4	EROSION PROTECTION FOR DISCHARGE OUTLET	1	LS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 11,405.00	\$ 11,405.00
5	REFUELING 3 DAYS A WEEK (FRI, SAT, SUN)	52,000	GAL	\$ 4.00	\$ 208,000.00	\$ 5.28	\$ 274,560.00
6	PERIODIC MAINTENANCE	15	EACH	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 1,247.00	\$ 18,705.00
7	ACCESS CONTROL	1	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 14,811.00	\$ 14,811.00
8	MOBILIZATION & DEMOBILIZATION	1	LS	\$65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 82,200.00	\$ 82,200.00
9	INSTALLATION OF DIESEL PUMPS-PRIMARY W/ALL FITTINGS & VALVES	1	LS	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 53,680.00	\$ 53,680.00
10	REMOVAL OF DIESEL PUMPS-PRIMARY & SECONDARY W/ALL FITTINGS & VALVES	1	LS	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 39,620.00	\$ 39,620.00
11	RENTAL OF 528 GALLON FUEL TANK	9	MONTH	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 10,350.00
12	FISH SCREEN INSTALLED TO SUCTION HOSES	1	LS	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 726,500.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 911,009.00</b>

NOTE: LINE 8 MOBILIZATION & DEMOBILIZATION INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING;

1. Semi Delivery of Pumps & Discharge Piping (From to AZ)
2. Semi Pick Up of Pumps & Discharge Piping (Return to AZ)
3. Rental Equipment Protection Plan
4. AUI Project Management
5. AUI Project Foreman w/Truck
6. AUI Field Engineer - Office
7. AUI Job Trailer
8. Chemical Toilets during set up and removal

Jason Casuga added that there was a difference 22.5% difference in the engineer’s estimate and the bid they received, but that it was within the expected swing of what this could land for. He stated that this is the only way they will be able to deliver water there this year. He stated after a thorough review of the bid provided by AUI, the staff recommends award to AUI Inc.

Madam Chair Dunning asked how they would pay for that. Ms. Fanelli explained that part of it would be paid in FY22 with salary savings and the rest will be paid out in FY23.

Director Duggins asked if they could get by with a smaller pump or no pump as opposed to a backup pump. Jason Casuga explained there is acreage with trees that are spaced out throughout the area that cannot be taken off, and that they are going to have to spend much time charging ditches regardless. He also stated that this would be a monthly cost to have the pump deployed and MRGCD would be responsible for the energy cost.

Director Barbara Baca asked about the status of the PNM request and if it were to get approval, would they switch it out. Jason Casuga stated they have been working with them but are still waiting for an engineer to be assigned through a government liaison. He stated that they would switch it out to use electricity if it was approved.

Director Kelly asked for them to consider looking at the demand side, because any reduction in demand is a reduction in the gallons of diesel burned. He also stated the slip lining design needs to be moving quickly so they can slip line the siphon in the lower water season.

Dr. DuMars suggested that they need to make sure the people of Corrales are fully informed of the effects they could experience from this and why it's happening. Mr. Casuga expressed the pump distributor believes they can pump 20 CFS or 9500 gallons a minute. Director Kelly reiterated the backup pump is important because it is the only source for Corrales and the northwest Bernalillo County area to share.

Director Barbara Baca felt they should double their efforts to working with the Village (of Corrales) to encourage them to work with us to do the right thing, because it is an emergency situation.

Director Duggins made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR THE CORRALES SIPHON PUMPING PROJECT INCLUDING THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX.** Seconded by Director Kelly. Rollcall vote was administered, and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Director Barbara Baca	Yes	Madam Chair Dunning	Yes
Director Sandoval	Yes	Vice Chair Russo Baca	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	Director Duggins	Yes

**AGENDA ITEM NO.5 - DISCUSSION ON THE EMERGENCY FALLOWING PROGRAM - Jason Casuga, CE/CEO and Casey Ish, Water Resources Specialist**

Mr. Casuga stated they are still waiting on the governor's signature on the funding bill. He stated they have started preliminary conversations with the Office of the State Engineer and are putting together a proposal on how to intake people, document the paper source, and provide the money to whoever administers it. He stated he is concerned how soon MRGCD would be reimbursed, so they are asking for no more than a 30-day turnaround. Ms. Fanelli stated they will be hiring an additional accountant to help manage this also.

Mr. Casuga expressed right now the deadline for the Fallowing Program applications are March 25th. Dr. DuMars asked how soon the lands that could be fallowed will get water. Casey Ish explained that it would depend on where the property is located inside the District. He stated they would be charging and delivering from south to north. Jason Casuga said as of right now, they want water delivered in the southern areas on or around March 21st.

Director Duggins stated he thinks it will be more attractive to farmers to be paid upfront. However, Jason Casuga stated that making a single payment is problematic, because the state would want to wait and get verification first, so that's why they are considering the two-payment option. Director Kelly expressed he thinks they should reconsider the 40/60, to give farmers more money up front to do farm improvements for the next year.

Vice Chair Russo Baca asked how they would be able to tell if a farmer hadn't irrigated if they are dry land farming. Casey Ish stated that the ISOs will help with that by keeping up to date on crops being grown or planted inside their individual zones. She also asked if there were

concerns on their Compact deliveries. Jason Casuga stated he was concerned. He stated his concern about the Low Flow Conveyance Channel (LFCC) not being used right now. He feels it would be a good idea to get ownership of the LFCC once it is cleaned up and in shape.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 - ADJOURN**

With no further comments, questions, or concerns, Madam Chair Dunning adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of February 28, 2022.

**ATTESTED:**

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Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM  
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

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Karen Dunning, Madam Chair  
MRGCD Board of Directors