

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

JULY 21, 2022 - 1:00 PM

Directors having been duly notified; Chair Russo Baca called the special meeting to order at 1:06 pm. The following Directors and Staff were present:

DIRECTORS		STAFF	
Stephanie Russo Baca, Chair	Present	Jason Casuga	Chief Engineer/CEO
Karen Dunning, Vice Chair	Virtual	Lorna M. Wiggins	General Counsel
Barbara Baca, Director	Present	Eric Zamora	Chief Operating Officer
John Kelly, Director	Present	Alicia Lopez	Mapping & Engineering Manager
Joaquin Baca, Director	Absent		
Glen Duggins, Director	Absent		
Michael T. Sandoval, Director	Absent		

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

Enrique Lamadrid	Judith McSweeney, MRGCD
Bill Turner, Water Bank	Marie VanDerGeest, MRGCD
Anthony Thompson	Julian Avalos, MRGCD
Ann C' de Baca	Ashley Veihl, MRGCD
Matt Rawlings	

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Enrique Lamadrid led the Pledge of Allegiance at today's meeting.

Chair Russo Baca declared a quorum, and the meeting was publicly noticed. The Chair and Director Kelly were in-person and Directors Dunning, and Barbara Baca attended virtually.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

No changes were made.

Chair Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA**. Director Kelly seconded the motion. Rollcall vote was administered, and the **MOTION CARRIED**.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – REPORT FROM THE CE/CEO – Jason M. Casuga, P.E.

- a. **Consideration/Approval of Resolution M-07-21-22-189 Adopting the 2024-2028 Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO**

Jason Casuga reported on the anticipated infrastructure projects for the District in its entirety including some in all four counties. It will provide an opportunity for the District to assist and assess any critical needs within the Cochiti, Albuquerque, Belen and the Socorro Divisions. The list provided to the Board was not complete. Alicia Lopez stated she would provide an updated, itemized list to the Board by end of business.

Director Kelly requested adding the word, state to line item 18 of the resolution.

Chair Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION M-07-21-22-189 ADOPTING THE 2024-2028 ICIP WITH ABOVE CHANGES.** Director Kelly seconded the motion. Rollcall vote was administered, and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

2022 ICIP				
Ranking	Year	Project	Project Cost	
1	1	2024	Corrales Siphon Project	\$9,000,000
2	2	2024	Bernalillo to Belen Levee	\$115,570,000
3	3	2024	Equipment Needs	\$10,000,000
4	4	2024	Traffic Control Devices	\$200,000
5	5	2024	Socorro Main Canal Channel Lining	\$110,000,000
6	6	2024	Water Measurement	\$2,500,000
7	7	2024	Belen Highline Main Canal Improvements	\$12,400,000
8	1	2025	Feeder 3 Pump Station	\$8,500,000
9	2	2025	Hwy 147 Culvert Replacement	\$400,000
10	3	2025	Sandia to Isleta RG Ecosystems Restoration	\$14,143,750
11	4	2025	Bernardo Siphon Project	\$14,710,000
12	5	2025	Loretta Road	\$640,000
13	1	2026	Albuquerque Main Canal Channel Lining (North Section)	\$19,300,000
14	2	2026	Albuquerque Main Canal Channel Lining (South Section)	\$46,200,000
15	3	2026	Peralta Main Canal Channel Lining	\$62,400,000
16	4	2026	Corrales Main Canal Channel Lining	\$38,500,000
17	5	2026	Arenal Main Canal Channel Lining	\$46,600,000
18	1	2027	ABQ/ ER&T Building	\$11,036,828
19	2	2027	Belen Highline Main Channel Lining	\$100,800,000
20	3	2027	San Juan Main Canal Channel Lining	\$57,700,000
21	4	2027	Sili Main Canal Channel Lining	\$68,100,000
22	5	2027	Cochiti East Side Main Canal Channel Lining	\$65,800,000
			Total Requested	\$814,500,578

From 2021 ICIP

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024-2028**

INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVMENTS PLAN (ICIP)

M-07-21-22-189

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 1:00 p.m. on July 21, 2022, which meeting was duly called as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that the financing of public capital projects has become a 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, the process contributes to local, state and regional efforts in project identification and selection of short and long range capital planning efforts.

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

1. The District adopts the attached Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan, and
2. It is intended that the Plan be a working document and is a part of its effort to improve rational, long range capital planning and budgeting for New Mexico's infrastructure.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the MRGCD at its meeting of July 21, 2022

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b. Consideration/Approval of Resolution M-07-21-22-190 for MRGCD to be the Fiscal Agent for the Álamos de Los Gallegos Acequia – Jason M. Casuga, CE/CEO

Mr. Enrique Lamadrid stated that he had previously met with the Conservancy Advisory Committee members earlier in the day and gave a brief history of the Álamos de Los Gallegos Acequia (ALGAA). The two neighborhoods have been irrigating since the depression off the Gallegos with approximately 80 properties that receive water. He then explained about the sediment that crept in and with the low flow system eroded banks occurred. He would like more than adjustments made, but a rehab done.

Discussion ensued between staff and present board members regarding the 2022 capital appropriation of \$90,000 to design, construct and install irrigation efficiency improvements to the five sub-laterals of the ALGAA.

Chair Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED RESOLUTION M-07-21-22-190 FOR MRGCD TO BE FISCAL AGENT FOR THE ÁLAMOS DE LOS GALLEGOS ACEQUIA**. Director Kelly seconded the motion. Rollcall vote was administered, and the **MOTION CARRIED**.

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

Resolution of the Board of Directors of the
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
To be the Fiscal Agent for the
Álamos de Los Gallegos Acequia Association, Bernalillo County

M-07-21-22-190

WHEREAS, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) recognizes the importance of improving acequia infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the MRGCD honors the tradition of mutual aid that has enabled acequias to thrive in New Mexico for hundreds of years;

WHEREAS, the MRGCD has previously served as the fiscal agent for Álamos de Los Gallegos Acequia Association (ALGAA), Bernalillo County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. MRGCD will serve as fiscal agent for the ALGAA to facilitate the 2022 capital appropriation of \$90,000.00 to design, construct, and install irrigation efficiency improvements to the five sub-laterals of the ALGAA;
2. MRGCD will serve as fiscal agent for the ALGAA to facilitate any future capital appropriation to complete the design, construction, and installation of irrigation efficiency improvements to the five sub-laterals of the ALGAA;
3. MRGCD will assume all financial responsibility for complying with the requirements of the office of the State Auditor, including an audit in proportion to such award; and
4. MRGCD will coordinate with ALGAA and all necessary agencies to implement the irrigation efficiency improvements project.

DATED AND RESOLVED this 21st day of July 2022.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Bill Turner

Mr. Turner, a former MRGCD Board of Director, asked if the acequia association was a legal entity and since the ALGAA has been irrigating for 80 years, were their pre-1907 water right holders.

The Chair answered Mr. Turner's first question stating that the District doesn't prioritize whether there are pre-1907 water rights; that we all share the shortage

Mr. Lamadrid replied to his second inquiry that the acequia association was corporate in 2008 under statutes regarding community ditches being a form of self-government although not recognized at the state.

With no further comments, questions, or concerns, Chair Russo Baca adjourned the meeting at 1:41 pm.

Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of July 21, 2022.

ATTESTED:

Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
Secretary/Treasurer

Stephanie Russo Baca, Madam Chair
MRGCD Board of Directors