

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

OCTOBER 9, 2023 - 1:30 P.M.

Directors having been duly notified; Madam Chair Russo Baca called the special meeting to order at 1:53pm. The following Directors and Staff were present:

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

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

Brian Jiron	Margaret Jiron	Savannah Jiron
Caleb Jiron	Noah Jiron	Philip Jiron
Avelino Baca	Brock Baca	Martin Baca
Catherine Terranova	Amanda Molina, MRGCD	Christine Nardi, MRGCD
Josh Hind, MRGCD	Michael Padilla, MRGCD	Estella Gamboa, MRGCD

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Caleb Jiron, son of the newest Valencia County director, led the Pledge of Allegiance at today's meeting.

Madam Chair Russo Baca declared a quorum, and the meeting was publicly noticed. This meeting was a hybrid meeting although no one attended virtually.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – CALL TO ORDER

- a. Oath of Office of Newly Elected MRGCD Directors - Honorable Judge J. Miles Hanisee, NM Court of Appeals
 1. At-Large Position No. 1 - Stephanie Russo Baca
 2. Bernalillo County Position No. 2 - John P. Kelly
 3. Valencia County Position No. 5 - Brian Jiron

Unfortunately Honorable Judge J. Miles Hanisee did not attend. Lorna M. Wiggins, the MRGCD General Counsel, swore in the newly elected directors and had them sign their oaths of office. She began with the At-Large position and the Valencia County position. Ms. Wiggins reconvened and ended the call to order with the Bernalillo County position after Director Baca's recognition.

- b. Presentation of Election Certificate

The newly elected directors were presented with their certificates of election.

- c. Recognition of outgoing Board Members

Director Barbara Baca was recognized for her work with MRGCD through the years and both staff and fellow directors thanked her. Mr. Casuga also presented Director Baca with parting gifts. Director Barbara Baca thanked MRGCD staff, constituents, and rate payers and said it was a true pleasure to serve on the board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 - ADJOURN

With no further comments, questions, or concerns, Madam Chair Russo Baca adjourned the meeting at 2:14 pm. A reception to celebrate both retiring and newly elected directors was had with the board, staff, family and friends.

Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of October 09, 2023.

ATTESTED:

Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

Stephanie Russo Baca, Madam Chair
MRGCD Board of Directors