

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

JULY 8, 2024 - 1:00 P.M.

Directors having been duly notified; Vice Chair Dunning called the special meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The following Directors and Staff were present excluding the chair:

DIRECTORS

Stephanie Russo Baca, Madam Chair	Absent
Karen Dunning, Vice Chair	Present
Brian Jiron, Director	Present
John P. Kelly, Director	Present
Glen Duggins, Director	Present
Michael T. Sandoval, Director	Present
Colin T. Baugh, Director	Present

STAFF

Chief Engineer/CEO
General Counsel
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Chief Operating Officer

The following names of individuals were interested viewers, callers and/or participants
Jeff Wechsler, Montgomery & Andrews Law Firm Josh Hind, MRGCD
Christine Nardi, MRGCD

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jeff Wechsler led the Pledge of Allegiance at today's meeting.

Vice Chair Dunning declared a quorum, and the meeting was publicly noticed. This meeting was a hybrid meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Baugh made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA**.
Seconded by Director Sandoval. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

The vice chair requested a motion to go into the closed session at 1:02 p.m.

Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**. Seconded by Director Sandoval. Rollcall vote was administered with all attending members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

Director Sandoval	Yes	Vice Chair Dunning	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	Director Baugh	Yes

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)2
 - i. Limited Personnel Matters
 - 1. Water Counsel Proposals

The vice chair said they discussed pending and threatened litigation and no decisions were made. She then requested a motion to go back into the regular session at 2:30 p.m.

Director Duggins made the **MOTION TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION**. Seconded by Director Jiron. Rollcall vote was administered with all attending members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

Director Sandoval	Yes	Vice Chair Dunning	Yes
Director Kelly	Yes	Director Baugh	Yes
Director Jiron	Yes	Director Duggins	Yes

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 - DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION including the Report on the Evaluation Committee Meeting regarding Water Counsel, July 1, 2024 - Chair Russo Baca, Vice Chair Dunning and Director Kelly

Director Kelly stated that the Evaluation Committee reviewed the proposals and found Montgomery & Andrews Law Firm as the top ranked firm. The committee recommended that the Board find Montgomery & Andrews as the top ranked firm and be retained as Water Counsel and that the CEO be directed to negotiate a contract for Water Counsel services from Montgomery & Andrews in accordance with the proposal submitted.

Director Kelly made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION**. Seconded by Director Baugh. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

With no further comments, questions, or concerns, Vice Chair Dunning adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of July 8, 2024.

ATTESTED:

Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
Secretary/Treasurer

Stephanie Russo Baca, Madam Chair
MRGCD Board of Directors