

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

MARCH 16, 2026 - 10:00 A.M.

Directors having been duly notified; Chairman Kelly called the special meeting to order at 10:15 am. The following Directors and Staff were present:

DIRECTORS		STAFF	
John P. Kelly, Chair	Present	Jason Casuga	Chief Engineer/CEO
Colin T. Baugh, Vice Chair	Present	Lorna Wiggins	General Counsel
Brian Jiron, Director	Present	Jeff Weschler	Chief Water Counsel
Stephanie Russo Baca, Director	Present	Pamela Fanelli	Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
J. Chris Lopez, Director	Present	Eric Zamora	Director of Technical Services
Michael T. Sandoval, Director	Present	Christine Nardi	Director of Human Services
Karen Dunning, Director	Present	Amanda Molina	Director of Communications
		Casey Ish	Director of Lands & Conservation

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

Kaleb Brooks, Spencer Fane, LLP	Joe Holvey, Wiggins, Williams & Wesenberg, PC
John Thompson, MRGCD Lobbyist	Anne Marken, MRGCD

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Baugh led the Pledge of Allegiance at today's meeting.

Chairman Kelly declared a quorum, and the meeting was publicly noticed. This meeting was a hybrid meeting with Director Sandoval attending virtually. Rollcall votes will be necessary for regular motions.

The meeting was a closed session for the Executive Session only and was not open to the public for the purpose of meeting with legal counsel to discuss threatened or pending litigation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA**. Seconded by Director Lopez. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

Chairman Kelly	Yes	Vice Chairman Baugh	Yes
Director Sandoval	Yes	Director Dunning	Yes
Director Russo Baca	Yes	Director Lopez	Yes
Director Jiron	Yes		

Vice Chairman Baugh made the **MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 10:07am**. Seconded by Director Jiron. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

Chairman Kelly	Yes	Vice Chairman Baugh	Yes
Director Sandoval	Yes	Director Dunning	Yes

Director Russo Baca	Yes	Director Lopez	Yes
Director Jiron	Yes		

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. NMSA 1978 Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1(H)7
1. Threatened or Pending Litigation

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION at 11:47 am.** Seconded by Director Jiron. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED.**


Chairman Kelly	Yes	Vice Chairman Baugh	Yes
Director Russo Baca	Yes	Director Dunning	Yes
Director Jiron	Yes	Director Lopez	Yes

Chairman Kelly noted Director Sandoval left during the meeting.

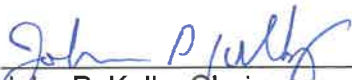
With no further comments, questions, or concerns, Chairman Kelly adjourned the meeting at 11:47 am.

Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of March 16, 2026.

ATTESTED:



 Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM
 Secretary/Treasurer/CFO



 John P. Kelly, Chairman
 MRGCD Board of Directors