

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

**APRIL 13, 2026 - 2:00 P.M.**

Directors having been duly notified; Chairman Kelly called the special meeting to order at 2:02 pm. The following Directors and Staff were present:

<b>DIRECTORS</b>		<b>STAFF</b>	
John P. Kelly, Chair	Present	Jason Casuga	Chief Engineer/CEO
Colin T. Baugh, Vice Chair	Present	Lorna Wiggins	General Counsel
Brian Jiron, Director	Absent	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

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

Director Dunning 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 no Directors attending virtually. Rollcall votes will not be necessary for regular motions.

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

Director Russo Baca made the **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA**. Seconded by Director Lopez. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Director Sandoval made the **MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 2:04 pm**. Seconded by Director Russo Baca. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

Chair Kelly	Yes	Vice Chair Baugh	Yes
Director Sandoval	Yes	Director Dunning	Yes
Director Russo Baca	Yes	Director Lopez	Yes

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 - EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Director Dunning made the **MOTION TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION at 2:58 pm**. Seconded by Director Russo Baca. Rollcall vote was administered with all members voting yes. The **MOTION CARRIED**.


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

Director Russo Baca stated items discussed in Executive Session were only those noticed on the agenda and no decisions were made, except for directing Legal Counsel to work with the Chief Engineer/CEO.

With no further comments, questions, or concerns, Chairman Kelly adjourned the meeting at 2:59 pm.

Approved to be the correct Minutes of the Board of Directors of April 13, 2026.

**ATTESTED:**

  
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 Pamela Fanelli, CMA, CGFM  
 Secretary/Treasurer

  
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 John P. Kelly, Chairman  
 MRGCD Board of Directors