

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
August 2, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

President Shawver called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present at the meeting were:

Vincent Shawver, President
Neil Martin, Vice President
Dallas Ayde, Director
Sherri Thackham, Director
Marilyn Dickenson, Director

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager
Lila Freshment, Recorder
Jeff Sperline, Attorney

Guests:

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Martin motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of July 19, 2024

Director Dickenson motioned to approve the minutes of July 19, 2024. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

July Vouchers

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$244,683.93
Voucher 02	Enduris Washington	183,500.00
Voucher 03	Benton PUD	23,481.96
Voucher 04	Helena Chemical Co	7,318.23
Voucher 05	SePRO Corporation	<u>9,294.58</u>
	Total All Vouchers	\$468,278.70

The Board reviewed and discussed the July Vouchers. Director Ayde motioned to approve the vouchers as submitted. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

June Financial Statement

The Board reviewed and discussed the June Financial Statement.

OLD BUSINESS

Work Orders by Division

The Board reviewed and discussed the work orders in their respective divisions.

CID Office

The topic of CID Office was moved into Executive session.

CID/KID Drought Agreement

Mr. Strifert stated that there is no new information at this time.

Kennewick Trail & Pathways Plan

The draft presented last week has been sent out for public comment. Mr. Strifert provided notes regarding off-limits areas and indicated the District will not be responsible for major changes.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report.

The ad for the Tree contract has been published. Submissions will be presented at the next Board Meeting.

Aqua System screens are performing as expected—no water-related issues have been reported from the Lakes where the screens have been installed. Hitchcock has also seen a significant improvement, with more surface area and better water flow preventing airlock issues at the higher elevations. These factors are collectively enhancing water quality. Another area identified for screen installation is Belmont, along with four additional locations that Mr. Strifert recommends targeting, with one installation per season on larger LID sites.

2024/2025 Budget

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft budget. Director Thackham motioned to approve the 2024-2025 budget. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

AquaSystems Screen LID 63

Mr. Strifert stated he would like to install an AquaSystems Screen on LID 63 (Belmont). He will have more information for the Board at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 10:45 a.m., for 45 minutes, to discuss real estate purchase and administrative staff performance and wage increases. It was extended by 5 minutes at 11:30 a.m. It was extended by 10 minutes at 11:39 a.m. It was extended by 10 minutes at 11:51 a.m. It was extended by 5 min at 12:01. The meeting was moved to open session at 12:06 p.m.

Director Ayde motioned to amend the minutes of July 17, 2024 as discussed in Executive session. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Directors Ayde, Dickenson, and Thackham approved the motion. Director Martin opposed. Motion carried.

Director Thackham motioned to authorize Mr. Strifert to make the offer on the property at 1045 W Columbia Drive. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Directors Ayde, Dickenson, and Thackham approved the motion. Director Martin opposed. Motion carried.

Director Thackham motioned to increase Morghan Leetch's wage by 3% beginning in 2025. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director Thackham motioned to increase Ashley Wolfe's wage by 3% beginning in 2025. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director Thackham motioned to increase Lila Freshment's wage by 5% beginning in 2025. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director Thackham motioned to increase Curt Strifert's wage by 12.5% beginning in 2025. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Directors Ayde, Dickenson, and Thackham approved the motion. Director Martin opposed. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

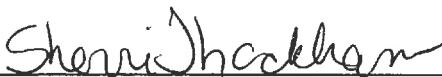
Mr. Strifert asked for confirmation of who plans to attend the WSWRA Conference and discussed other meetings scheduled for next year.

ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.



Vincent Shawver, President


Neil Martin, Vice President

Sherri Thackham, Director


Dallas Ayde, Director
Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:


Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager