

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
October 7, 2022

**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

Gary Weatherly, JUB Engineers  
Jeff Sperline, Sperline Raekes Law  
Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager  
Lila Freshment, Recorder

**Guests:** Lloyd Bender  
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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Bender addressed the Board regarding his concern about seepage from the canal onto his property at 786 S. 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue, West Richland. Mr. Weatherly of JUB Engineers will evaluate the situation and report back to the District.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes of September 23, 2022**

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of September 23, 2022. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**September Vouchers**

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$215,644.38
Voucher 02	Corwin Ford Tri-Cities – 2022 Ford Explorer	\$ 46,259.00
	Voucher Total	<u>\$261,903.38</u>

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

**August Financial Statement**

The Board reviewed and discussed the August Financial Statement.

**Work Orders by Division**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Department of Natural Resources Update**

The discussion was moved to Executive session.

### **Policy Approvals**

Copies of the revised policies were presented to the Board for review and approval. The Board reviewed Policies 4.5 – Encroachment Removal and 3.6 – Water Distribution Policy. Additional changes were added. Staff will implement the changes and present the revised policies at the next meeting for review and approval.

### **Website Update**

Mr. Strifert showed the new website to the Board for review before publishing.

### **Vehicle Budget**

Mr. Strifert proposed changes to planned purchases included in the current vehicle budget. Due to the increased cost of a new Lowboy trailer, he recommended spending \$7,000 to \$10,000 to repair it and purchase another ditch rider truck and compressor for the shotcrete machine instead. Director Martin motioned to approve the changes to the vehicle budget. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Operations Report**

Mr. Strifert reported that the water shut-off date is Friday, October 14, 2022. He reported on damage to the shop gate when someone drove into it. The driver will reimburse the District for the repair. The crew will start winterizing on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The Rubicon gates have been ordered. As soon as we get the notice to proceed from the Bureau of Reclamation, the crew will start installing the gates. They will then begin work on the Elite Sod lining project. If the contractor for the Birtle Spillway liner is able to work on that project at the same time, Mr. Strifert estimates the projects will be completed by the end of November.

### **Board of Equalization**

The date set for the Board of Equalization is Friday, December 9, 2022.

Due to the WSWRA conference, the board meeting date for Friday, December 2, 2022, has been changed to Friday, December 9, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Director Thackham motioned to move the Friday, December 2, 2022, meeting to December 9, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Division 2 & 3 Election**

The Board discussed the upcoming election for Divisions 2 & 3. Petitions for nomination are due the first Monday in November at the District office. Information on elections and other legal notices are advertised in the Tri-City Herald.

**Board Canal Tour**

Board Canal Tour will be held on October 14, 2022. Director Thackham motioned to move the board meeting scheduled for Friday, October 21, 2022, to Friday, October 14, 2022, starting at 8:00 a.m. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Washington State Water Resources Association Conference**

Mr. Strifert announced that the WSWRA conference is coming up in Spokane from November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 2, 2022. The Directors attending will be Shawver, Martin, Ayde, and District Manager, Strifert.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive Session at 11:05 a.m., for 30 minutes to discuss current and potential litigation. It was extended for an additional 20 minutes at 11:35 a.m. The meeting was moved to open session at 11:55 a.m. No action was taken.

**DIRECTOR DISCUSSION**

President Shawver discussed reviewing the policies before the canal tour at the next board meeting on Friday, October 14, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

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ATTEST:

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Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager