

# COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

July 21, 2023

## 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

## Guests:

Larry Martini, Robert Dickenson

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Patron Larry Martini, LID 38, came in to thank District Manager Curt Strifert and the crew for the work on LID 38 East pump system. The pump system is working great, and the pressure has noticeably increased.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### Minutes of June 30, 2023

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of June 30, 2023. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

### LID #38 East Update

Mr. Strifert reported that the LID 38 East project was completed on July 12<sup>th</sup>. The water pressure and system have improved substantially. The cost of the upgrade will be allocated over a two-year period.

### 38<sup>th</sup> to Van Giesen Liner

Mr. Strifert recommends ordering the materials now for the liner project due to the upcoming price increase. The District will be installing 4,200 feet of UV protected liner from 38th to Van Giesen at an estimated cost of 200K. This project will be a capital improvement project and will be included in next year's budget.

Director Martin motioned to approve and authorize District Manager Curt Strifert to put the liner project out for bids. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Brush Filtration System**

Mr. Strifert reviewed the cost of the AquaSystem 2000 Brush Filtration System screens proposed for Local Improvement Districts #04 (Hitchcock), #63 (Belmont), and #46 (The Lakes).

Director Thackham motioned to purchase the Brush Filtration System AquaSystem 2000 screens for three Local Improvement Districts (LID): LID 04, LID 46, and LID 63, using 50% of their reserves for each LID with a two-year payback. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **2024 Grant Opportunities (Small/Large Scale)**

Mr. Strifert recommended that the District apply for the Rubicon automated gates under the small-scale grant and have the Ferguson Group prepare the large-scale grant for canal lining. The Board agreed.

### **Employee Handbook**

The Board reviewed the revisions to the Employee Handbook.

Director Thackham motioned to approve the Employee Handbook content with included changes made by the Board. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Operations Report.**

Mr. Strifert reported that the weeds in the canal were growing fast. The Vegetation Management team completed a mini weed treatment this week. Next week the crew will be working to improve the canal roads by putting rock down and reshaping them.

### **Director Ayde – Water 101 Tour Report**

Director Ayde reported on the Water 101 Tour.

### **2023/2024 Preliminary Budget Discussion**

Mr. Strifert recommended the District hire two new Utility Workers Step 1, in October 2023. He informed the Board of the need to purchase a used excavator. The District also will need a ditch rider truck, and service truck. He would like to purchase these at auction. Mr. Strifert will include these items in the budget as agreed by the Board.

Mr. Strifert reviewed next year's Capital Improvement Projects.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**


None.

## **DIRECTOR DISCUSSION**


There was nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

  
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Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:  
  
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Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager