

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
June 16, 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
Marilyn Dickenson, Director

Jeff Sperline, Sperline Raekes Law
Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager
Lila Freshment, Recorder

Absent
Sherri Thackham, Director

Guests: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Martin motioned to approve the agenda. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of June 2, 2023

Director Ayde motioned to approve the minutes of June 2, 2023. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

LID #38 East Update

Mr. Strifert reviewed the letter going out to notify patrons in LID #38 East of improvements to their LID and the dates the system will be down for installation. He also reviewed the final cost estimate of the project which is lower than originally projected. Based on the latest estimate, Mr. Strifert recommended a 2-year repayment scheduled instead of the 3-year originally approved. Director Martin motioned to amend the motion approved on June 2, 2023 to a 2-year repayment plan for improvements to LID #38. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Installation is scheduled to take place July 10th through July 13th.

Bender/786 S 38th Avenue-Seepage

Mr. Strifert reported that there is now about two inches of water in the drainage ditch.

Brush Filtration System

Mr. Strifert is planning to meet with a representative from AquaSystems 2000 on Monday. He hopes to have some pricing information by the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

The District purchased a box scraper to pull behind the New Holland tractor to use to smooth out the canal roads. The results have been great, and roads are about 30% complete. Weeds are starting to grow in the canal. The District will probably need to do a full weed treatment by the end of next week or the following week. Mr. Strifert presented the Board with a list of projects including costs to consider for the 2023-2024 budget.

2024 Grant Opportunity

Mr. Strifert recommended the District apply for a small-scale grant for three or four automated gates. He also asked the Board to consider hiring the Ferguson Group to prepare a large-scale grant application for canal lining for the 2024-2025 budget cycle. The Board discussed specific areas of the canal that are a priority for lining with the large-scale grant. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Employee Handbook Review

Revisions to the handbook were discussed. Staff will implement the changes and submit it for approval at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 10:45 am for 30 minutes, to discuss an employee issue and preliminary performance review of the District Manager. The meeting was moved back into open session at 11:15 am.

Director Martin motioned to move the next meeting from July 2, 2023 to June 30, 2023. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

There was no business to discuss.

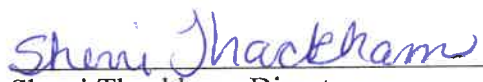
ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.



Vincent Shawver, President


Neil Martin, Vice President




Sherri Thackham, Director



Dallas Ayde, Director



Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:


Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager