

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

June 30, 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

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

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 June 16, 2023

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of June 16, 2023. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

June Vouchers

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$185,088.91
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The Board reviewed and discussed the June Vouchers. Director Martin motioned to approve the vouchers as submitted. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

May Financial Statement

The Board reviewed and discussed the May Financial Statement.

Work Orders by Division

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

OLD BUSINESS

LID #38 East Update

Mr. Strifert stated that work on LID #38 East will begin July 10th. Letters were sent out to notify patrons in the LID of the improvements and the dates the system will be down for installation. Installation is scheduled to take place from July 10th through July 13th.

38th to Van Giesen Liner

Mr. Strifert recommended the District install 4,200 feet of UV protected liner from 38th to Van Giesen at an estimated cost of 200K. The Board agreed to budget for the liner next year. Mr. Strifert will have the costs per acre at the next board meeting.

Brush Filtration System

Mr. Strifert reported that he met with the sales representative from AquaSystems and received a recommendation of which style of the Brush Filtration System would work best for our needs. The three Local Improvement Districts (LID) being considered for the brush filtration system trial are LID #04 (Hitchcock), LID #63 (Belmont), and LID #46 (The Lakes). Mr. Strifert will have the estimated cost for each LID at the next board meeting.

2024 Grant Opportunities (Small/Large Scale)

Mr. Strifert recommended the District apply for grants for automated gates under the small-scale grant and canal lining for the large-scale grant.

Employee Handbook

Suggested changes and revisions were made to the Employee Handbook. The Board reviewed the new draft and suggested changes to correct formatting errors. Office staff will make the changes and resubmit it for final approval at the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report.

Mr. Strifert reported that the first large weed treatment has been completed. The crew has been busy with cleaning up roads, tree trimming and completing work orders submitted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive Session at 10:35 a.m., for 45 minutes, to discuss applicant qualifications and Office and District Manager performance review and compensation. The meeting was extended to 11:25 a.m. for an additional 15 minutes. At 11:35 a.m., Legal Counsel Jeff Sperline brought District Manager Curt Strifert back into closed session and extended an additional 10 minutes. The meeting moved to open session at 11:48 a.m.

President Shawver reported on Curt Strifert, District Manager's performance review, compensation, and cost-of-living increase for the office staff. President Shawver requested a motion for the compensation and cost of living increases for 2024.

Office Staff Wages

Director Thackham motioned to increase District Manager Curt Strifert's annual salary by 14% with an additional 3% Cost of Living increase. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The increase is effective January 1, 2024.

Director Thackham motioned to increase Administrative Assistant Morghan Leetch's wage by 3% beginning January 1, 2024. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director Thackham motioned to increase Administrative Assistant Maura Monk's wage by 3% beginning January 1, 2024. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director Thackham motioned to increase Office Manager Lila Freshment's wage by 5% beginning January 1, 2024. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

There was nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

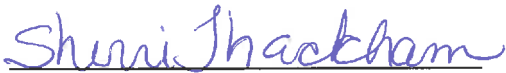
President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.




Vincent Shawver, President




Nell Martin, Vice President



Sherri Thackham, Director



Dallas Ayde, Director



Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:



Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager