

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

April 7, 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

Gary Weatherly, J.U.B. Engineers
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 Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of March 17, 2023

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of March 17, 2023. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

March Vouchers

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$148,507.64
	Total All Voucher	<u>\$148,507.64</u>

The Board reviewed and discussed the March vouchers. Director Ayde motioned to approve the vouchers as submitted. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

February Financial Statement

The Board reviewed and discussed the February Financial Statement.

OLD BUSINESS

Department of Natural Resources Update

Mr. Strifert reported that the Delinquent Department Team at DNR reached out on Tuesday regarding the

payment for removal of material from the clay pit. He said that he would contact Assistant Attorney General Kristen Thomas to see if they can get this issue resolved.

Shop Pole Building Update

Mr. Strifert informed the Board that the Shop Pole Building passed final inspection and the project is now complete.

LID #38 North Update

Mr. Strifert reported he is still in the beginning stages of his research. He is waiting to talk with Benton PUD, as they have been backlogged. He is hoping to have a plan by the May - June Board meetings.

Work Orders by Division

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

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Mr. Strifert reported that the boardroom extension tables will be completed and installed before the next Board meeting. Repairs are being made at Columbia Park Spillway due to vandalism. The level sensor is being replaced and a fence is being added. Superior Tree Services has begun removing problem trees as directed by Mr. Strifert. So far, they have removed three trees and trimmed trees in two areas. Water startup has begun. There have been a few breaks in Belmont that have been isolated. There was a large break in the Lakes. Fortunately, no damage was done to the home.

Yakima Basin Joint Board Meeting Review

Agenda item tabled until next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive Session at 10:04 a.m., for one hour, to discuss current and potential litigation. The meeting was extended to 11:02 a.m., for an added 15 minutes, and extended another 10 minutes at 11:17 a.m., and extended another 5 minutes at 11:30 a.m. The meeting was moved to open session at 11:35 a.m.

Director Thackham made a motion to move to authorize counsel to extend the offer that was discussed in Executive Session to the Lopez plaintiff. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Vice Chair Martin opposed. Motion carried.


DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

President Shawver reported on the Waters of the United States (WOTUS). The House and Senate used the Congressional Review Act to enact a measure blocking the clean water rule. President Biden vetoed the measure that would repeal a rule expanding which types of wetlands can be regulated under the Clean


Water Act. The Supreme Court is considering a related case and a decision is expected in the next few months.

ADJOURNMENT

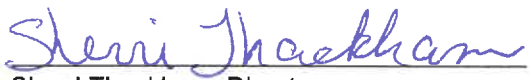
President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.



Vincent Shawver, President



Neil Martin, Vice President



Sherri Thackham, Director



Dallas Ayde, Director

Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST: 

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager