

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
June 21, 2024

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: Kelsey Green, Michael Bromund

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelsey Green, Kelsey Green Communications and Yakima Basin Joint Board tour coordinator, spoke about the canal tour and stated she has received great feedback. Michael Bromund from Rubicon Water said that he learned a lot and that the packet material can be included in future grant applications.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of June 7, 2024

Director Ayde motioned to approve the minutes of June 7, 2024. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Funds Transfer Approval

Director Thackham motioned to approve the transfer of \$212,506.00 from the Surplus Fund to the Operation & Maintenance Fund for the purchase of two dump trucks. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Yakima Basin Joint Board Tour/Meeting

Mr. Strifert expressed his gratitude to the Board for participating in the tour, as it allowed them to witness the challenges firsthand rather than just hearing about them. He commended the organization of the tour and noted that it adhered to the schedule. Director Dickenson commended Joe Amend for his excellent presentation, as well as the field crew for their efforts in preparing for the tour.

Roza Irrigation District Excavator

Operations staff will be picking up the excavator next Tuesday. According to the original agreement, payment will be made in October when our fiscal year turns over.

Policy 4.2 – Protection of District Canal Rights-of-Way

Postponed to the next meeting when attorney Jeff Sperline can attend.

Director Dickenson motioned to move this agenda item to the following weeks meeting. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report.

Mr. Strifert stated the first canal weed treatment took place on Monday and Tuesday, starting at the dam. The weed problem has not been severe yet, but with the upcoming hot weather, we are treating now to stunt growth and stay ahead of the problem. We have received few dirty water complaints from The Lakes and Hitchcock LID's, suggesting that the new AquaSystems screens are worth the investment. Field crews are and are now flushing systems and beginning road maintenance. By the end of July, the stretch off Washington will be fully rocked, narrowed, and back in good shape. The District is continuing to have issues with homeless camps on the canal and the clean-up of needles and other debris left behind. Mr. Strifert informed the Board that he has given the Kennewick Police Department permission to trespass people off our canal in an effort to improve the situation.

#24 Dump Truck – Motion to Surplus

Director Thackham motioned to surplus #24 Dump Truck. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The truck will go to auction in September.

2024 Newsletter

The Board discussed potential topics for the 2024 newsletter. It will be sent via email and posted on our website.

Policy – Water Right Reclassification

Mr. Strifert spoke about the need to develop a policy for water right classification changes. Director Dickenson motioned to move this discussion to the next meeting, and Director Thackham seconded. The motion carried.

KID/CID Drought Agreement


Mr. Strifert reviewed proposed changes to this agreement. The current agreement allows them, in a declared drought, to use temporary pumps to pump drainage water from KID facilities into the CID Main Canal to use at other KID facilities located adjacent to the canal. KID would like to eliminate the temporary pumps and build a permanent pump station on the canal. Director Dickenson motioned to move the discussion to the June 28th meeting. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Strifert reviewed personnel changes. New updated versions of "Roberts Rules of Order" will be ordered.

ADJOURNMENT

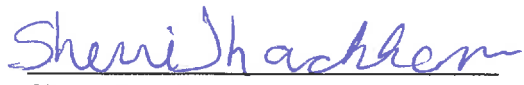
President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.



Vincent Shawver, President



Neil Martin, Vice President



Sherri Thackham, Director



Dallas Ayde, Director



Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:



Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager