

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
October 13, 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

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager
Lila Freshment, Recorder
Jeff Sperline, Sperline Raekes Law
Gary Weatherly, J.U.B. Engineers

Absent
Marilyn Dickenson, Director

Guests:

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of October 6, 2023

Director Martin motioned to approve the minutes of October 6, 2023. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

2024 Grant Opportunities

Mr. Strifert reported that there has been no announcement on the grants.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report.

Mr. Strifert reported that water is being turned off today. Operations Staff will start winterizing next week. They will also start cleaning and shaping the canal at Valley View in preparation for lining. The closing date for the Valley View Lining Bid is November 2nd, and selection and award of contract will be at the November 3rd, Board Meeting. The District purchased a new ditchrider truck. The Brush Filtration Systems will be arriving mid-November from Aqua Systems. Field crew will be collaborating with the Washington

Department of Transportation on removing the Trees of Heaven along Highway 240. The District will be removing other problem trees using our contract with Superior Tree Service.

DNR Property LID

Mr. Strifert discussed a plan for providing water to the area that used to be Chiawana Orchards and is being sold by Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for development. Mr. Strifert will reach out to DNR to talk about forming a Local Improvement District (LID).

Brockman LID

Mr. Strifert discussed the possibility of pressurizing Brockman LID. Engineer Gary Weatherby, J.U.B, estimated it would take a 5HP booster pump. Mr. Strifert will do more research to present at the next board meeting.

YBJB Tour

President Shawver, Vice President Martin, and District Manager Curt Strifert reported on the Yakima Joint Board Tour that took place on September 28, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive Session at 10:39 a.m., for 10 minutes, to discuss potential legal risk associated with purchasing DNR property. The Executive Session was extended for an additional 5 minutes at 10:49 a.m. The meeting was moved to open session at 10:55 a.m.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION


President Shawver reminded everyone of the Washington State Water Resources Annual Conference that will be held Nov. 29 – Dec. 1, 2023, at the Davenport Hotel, Spokane WA.

ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.



Vincent Shawver, President



Neil Martin, Vice President

Sherri Thackham, Director



Dallas Ayde, Director

Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST: 

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager