

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
December 15, 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

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

Guests:

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Curt Strifert requested to move the Valley View item agenda to after public comment. Director Martin motioned to approve the agenda with the Valley View change. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of December 8, 2023

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of December 8, 2023. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

2024 Grant Opportunities

Mr. Strifert reported on the status on the small-scale liner grant for the Lateral 2 Cox Spillway Liner Project, The application will be completed by next week. He stated that he has been working with the Ferguson Group and providing information they need to prepare for the large-scale grant.

Valley View Lining Project

Mr. Strifert reported that we will be over budget 20 – 25K on the Valley View Lining Project. The Birtle Spill Project can be delayed for a year, so that we can use those funds to make up the difference in the unexpected cost for Valley View. The project will be completed today.

Brockman LID

The item has been tabled until January 5, 2024 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Mr. Strifert reported that they have completed the Washington Street to 8th Street shotcrete liner project. Operations staff are working on cleaning the canals. They will begin working on Lateral 1, Phase 2 next week as well as preparing for the new AquaSystems filtration system installations at Hitchcock (LID 4) and The Lakes (LID 46). Installation is projected for mid-January to early February.

Concrete Canvas

Mr. Strifert gave an update on the on the Concrete Canvas trial project. The targeted start date will be January 4, 2024.

Resolution 2023-5 UPL Sole Source Agreement

Mr. Strifert presented Resolution 2023-5 to approve a Sole Source Agreement with UPL, NA for the purchase of Cascade Endothall in 250-gallon totes for aquatic weed control for 2023-2024. The total cost is \$47,475.00. Director Thackham motioned to approve resolution 2023-5 for a Sole Source agreement with UPL, NA. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director Compensation

The state legislation has approved an increased for Director's compensation to \$161.00 per day. Director Martin motioned to adopt and approve the increase of \$161/day for Director's compensation effective January 1st, 2024. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Employee Handbook Amendment

Mr. Strifert reviewed the changes to the Employee Handbook for Job Announcement and Drug and Alcohol testing for pre-employment drug screening and physical due to safety sensitive positions. Director Ayde motioned to approve the amendment to the Employee Handbook. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WSWRA Conference Review

President Shawver provided an overview of the WSWRA conference. President Shawver, Vice-President Martin, Director Thackham, District Manager Curt Strifert, and Legal Counsel Jeff Sperline attended from November 29th through December 1st.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive Session at 10:59 a.m., for 20 minutes, to discuss legal risks of current or proposed action. The meeting was moved to open session at 11:19 a.m. No reportable action was taken.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION


There was nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

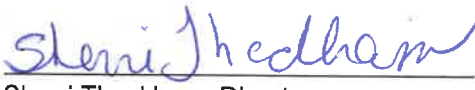
President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.



Vincent Shawver, President



Neil Martin, Vice President




Sherri Thackham, Director



Dallas Ayde, Director



Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:


Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager