

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

November 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

President Shawver called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present at the meeting were:

Vincent Shawver, President
Neil Martin, Vice President
Dallas Ayde, Director

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

Absent
Sherri Thackham, Director
Marilyn Dickenson, Director

Guests:

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Martin motioned to approve the agenda with the correction for the minutes from October 13th to November 3, 2023. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of November 3, 2023

Director Martin motioned to approve the minutes of November 3, 2023. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

2024 Grant Opportunities

Mr. Strifert reported that they have released the large-scale grant opportunities. He would like the Ferguson Group to prepare the large-scale grant. He would like approval from the board to work on the small-scale grant for a liner for the Lateral 2 Cox Spillway Liner Project. He would like to hire a contractor to do the work. The grant is a matching grant, our share is estimated at 125K, and the grant is due in January 2024. He will have proposals for the other 2024 grant opportunities at the next board meeting. The board approved Mr. Strifert to proceed with working on the small-scale grant for the Cox Spillway Liner Project.

Valley View Lining Project

Mr. Strifert provided an update and presented pictures to show the progress that has been done by the contractor, Columbia Pumping. The Valley View lining project is halfway done.

Mr. Strifert provided an update and presented pictures to show the progress on the Washington to 8th Street Liner Project. CID crews are working on this project and have completed 175 feet of shotcrete on the liner project.

Brockman LID

Mr. Strifert reported that he is still collaborating with Engineer Gary Weatherly, J.U.B. Engineers on working out a solution for the water issues for Brockman LID. Mr. Strifert would like to add a pipeline rather than pressurizing. Mr. Strifert will provide more information at a future board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report.

Mr. Strifert reported the District will be remodeling the old conference room into an office for the Office Manager. Due to the dirty water this season there are many areas in the canal that need to be cleaned before water starts in the spring. He is also planning to have crews working on the Lateral One Phase Two Project, getting the section at Dague relined, reshaped, and having a contractor slipline the pipe that goes under the road if time allows.

Election – Division #4 & #5

Director Dickenson, Division #4 and Director Thackham, Division #5 were the only candidates to submit “Petitions of Candidacy” for their divisions and therefore being unopposed, retain their seats on the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive Session at 10:53 a.m., for 15 minutes, to discuss potential litigation. The meeting was moved to open session at 11:08 a.m. No action was taken.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Strifert reminded Directors that the Washington State Water Resources Annual Conference that will be held Nov. 29 – Dec. 1, 2023, at the Davenport Hotel, Spokane WA. President Shawver reminded everyone that the next board meeting on December 1st has been moved to December 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.



Vincent Shawver, President



Neil Martin, Vice President



Sherri Thackham, Director



Dallas Ayde, Director



Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST: 

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager