

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
September 2, 2022

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: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Shawver added a new item under *New Business* for *Mid-Month Board Meeting Date Change*. Director Martin motioned to approve the agenda with the addition. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of August 19, 2022

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of August 19, 2022. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

August Vouchers

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$246,115.92
Voucher 02	Enduris – Property & Liability Ins.	\$127,089.00
	Voucher Total	<u>\$373,204.92</u>

The Board reviewed and discussed the August Vouchers. Director Thackham motioned to approve the vouchers as submitted. Director Dickenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

July Financial Statement

The Board reviewed and discussed the July Financial Statement.

Work Orders by Division

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

OLD BUSINESS

Department of Natural Resources Update

Mr. Strifert reported that he had spoken to our attorney Jeff Sperline, Sperline Raekes Law, and he has not received any response from DNR to the letter or phone call.

Union Contract

Mr. Strifert reported that we are still waiting on the formal contract from the Union.

Grant #R22AP001200-00 – End of Canal Automation

Mr. Strifert reported that we have received the finalized cultural review and it has been sent to the Bureau of Reclamation. We should receive our Notice to Proceed within the next few weeks. Once we receive it, we will be scheduling the dates for the five gates to be installed. The grant was for of the gates.

Approval of Policy Revisions

Copies of the revised policies were presented to the Board for review and approval.

Director Thackham motioned to approve Policy 3.4 – Assessment, Acreage Changes and Refunds. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director Thackham motioned to approve Policy 5.2 – Reimbursement of Expenses. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Room Chairs

The Board discussed the purchase of new chairs for the board room. The discussion will continue at the next board meeting.

Yakima Basin Joint Board Tour

The Yakima Basin Joint Board Tour will be held on September 29, at 8:30 a.m. President Shawver, Director Martin, and Director Ayde will attend.

Meeting Date Change

President Shawver requested that we change the mid-month meeting date. Director Thackham motioned to move the September 16, mid-month Board Meeting to September 23rd, and amended the time from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., to accommodate the Joint Board meeting. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Mr. Strifert gave the water report. The Conservation District harvested thirteen loads of weeds in the Yakima River last week. The weed treatments we have done have worked well and there are much fewer weeds in the canal. The District purchased the two Toyota Tacoma trucks for the ditch riders and they are in use. The District also acquired the 2022 Ford Explorer Expedition SUV for the District Manager.

Water Shut Down Date

Mr. Strifert proposed the District shut off water delivery on October 14th since the 15th falls on Saturday this year. Director Martin motioned for the water shut-off date to be October 14, 2022. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joint Board Meeting Review

President Shawver and Director Martin presented a review of the Joint Board Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. for 15 minutes to discuss potential litigation. The meeting was moved to open session at 10:50 a.m. No action was taken.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

Director Shawver discussed the Board's evaluation to take place at the next meeting. The Board's evaluation of the District Manager will be added to the January 2023, Board Meeting Agenda.

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