

# COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2023

## CALL TO ORDER

President Shawver called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Present at the meeting were:

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

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

Absent  
Marilyn Dickenson, Director

## Guests:

Steven Gross, Public Works Dept./City of Kennewick

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Steven Gross, City of Kennewick Public Works Department

## CONSENT AGENDA

### City of Kennewick Crossing Permit

Mr. Strifert Reviewed Permit #2023-1 received from the City of Kennewick for a water line to cross Lateral 2 near the intersection of E. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and S. Elm Street. Director Martin motioned to approve the City of Kennewick Crossing Permit. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Minutes of August 18, 2023

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of August 18, 2023. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### August Vouchers

Voucher 01	Reimburse Revolving Fund	\$198,212.83
Voucher 02	UPL NA Inc. – Herbicide	\$ 24,048.48
Voucher 03	Timken Motor (H&N Electric)	<u>\$ 24,196.62</u>
	Total All Vouchers	\$246,457.93

The Board reviewed and discussed the August Vouchers. Director Thackham motioned to approve the vouchers as submitted. Director Martin 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**

### **SePro – UPL NA Inc. Sole Source Motion Amendment**

Office Manager Ms. Freshment requested an amendment to the motion to the Sole Source Agreement from SePRO to UPL NA Inc., which was approved at the August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting. Director Thackham motioned to amend the Sole Source agreement from SePRO to UPL NA Inc. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **38<sup>th</sup> to Van Giesen Liner Bids**

Mr. Strifert reviewed the bids received for the 38<sup>th</sup> to Van Giesen Liner Project. The District received five bids with four of the bids meeting the qualifications. The four qualifying bids were received from BTL Lining, Asset Product Inc. (6oz), Western Environmental Liner, and Northwest Linings & Geotextile Products. The lowest bidder Western Environmental Liner for \$198,557.00. Director Martin motioned to award the contract to Western Environmental Liner for \$198,557.00. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Brush Filtration System/Sole Source**

Mr. Strifert recommended to approve the Sole Source Agreement by Resolution 2023-02, for the Aqua Systems purchase of the Brush Filtration System. Director Thackham motioned to approve Resolution 2023-02, for the Sole Source Agreement with Aqua Systems for the Brush Filtration System. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **2024 Grant Opportunities (Small/Large Scale)**

Mr. Strifert reported that there was no announcement reported on the grants.

### **2023 Newsletter**

The Board reviewed the 2023 Newsletter. Director Thackham motioned to approve the 2023 District Newsletter and post it to the C.I.D. website. Director Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **2023-2024 Engineering Contract**

Mr. Strifert reviewed the Engineering Service Evaluation for the firms responding to the District's annual request for qualifications. The District received responses from JUB Engineers, Budinger & Associates, RH2.Engineering Inc. Director Martin motioned to renew the contract with JUB Engineers for another year. Director Ayde seconded. Motion carried.

### **2023-2024 Tree Contract**

Mr. Strifert reported that no bids were received for the Tree Contract. The Board decided to resubmit the bid and place an ad in the Tri-City Herald. The closing date will be October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The contract will be awarded at a future Board meeting with the lowest average of the pricing of the three categories will be the winning bid.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Operations Report.**

Mr. Strifert reported that the liner bids came in under budget. The crew has been pushing a lot of rock at Owen's Pit. The District will post an ad on Indeed next week for a crew position for Utility Step 1. The WSWRA Conference will be held on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, President Shawver, Vice President Martin, Legal Counsel Jeff Sperline, and Director Thackham (tentative) will be attending the conference.

### **October 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting – Reschedule**

Mr. Strifert requested to move the Board Meeting to Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as he will not be able to attend the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Director Thackham motioned to change the Board meeting date from Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the regular scheduled time of 9:00 a.m. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Dam Improvement and Funding**

Mr. Strifert reported that he and President Shawver met with Fisheries, the Department of Fish & Wildlife, Department of Ecology, Bureau of Land Management, Barker Ranch, and Benton Conservation District to discuss grant funding for improvements to the Dam. The grant fund is for 100% and the Department of Fisheries will be writing the grant. They will include the District (CID) and asked us to provide a letter of support for the Wanawish Dam to be included in the upcoming study. Director Martin motioned on behalf of the Board to give District Manager Curt Strifert permission to write a letter of support to include the Wanawish Dam in the feasibility study. Director Thackham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **YBJB Tour**

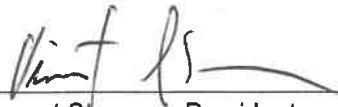
President Shawver, Vice President Martin, and District Manager Curt Strifert will be attending the YBJB Tour on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## **DIRECTOR DISCUSSION**


President Shawver announced that the September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Board Meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. to accommodate the canal tour.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

  
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ATTEST:   
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Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager