

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
March 18, 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

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

Guests: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of March 4, 2022

Director Thackham motioned to approve the minutes of March 4, 2022. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

CID/KID Interlocal Agreement

Ms. Freshment reported the District has received the signed agreement.

Department of Natural Resources Update

Mr. Strifert gave an update that he made his recommendation to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the appraisal to be done by Value Logic. DNR must hire the appraiser for it to be valid.

New Rate Schedule

Mr. Strifert reviewed the new draft of the proposed rate schedule. It reflects an increase in the condominium rate of \$12.00. The value of water is based on the current first acre rate of \$219.00. The categories with less than an acre have a slightly lower rate. For the categories over an acre the rate is based on the median rate currently charged within each acreage range. For parcels over eight acres the rate is \$95.00 per acre. Gravity and pressure rates are assessed at the same rate in this proposal since pressurized systems are already paying extra in their assessments for maintenance and power to run the pumps. The

Board reviewed and discussed the proposed changes. The company that manages our assessment program said the program will support the changes and the programming fee is estimated to be \$1,125.00. Director Ayde motioned to approve the new rate schedule starting with 2023 assessments. Director Thackham second the motion. Director Thackham and Director Martin opposed. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Report

Mr. Strifert reported the District will start filling the canal Tuesday, March 22nd, or Wednesday March 23rd. The canal should be full by March 30th. The target date is April 15th for everyone to have water. The framework has been completed for the new Rubicon gate. The gate has arrived in Oakland, CA. It is unassembled and appears to have been damaged during shipping. The gate will be completed sometime this summer. The District purchased the Side by Side from Kubota in Pasco for \$17,000.00. It has a 1000-pound capacity and can haul one hundred gallons. Both liner projects done with the new shotcrete machine have been completed.

Mr. Strifert asked Mr. Weatherly, JUB Engineers to provide an update on the grant for the Draught Response Program. Mr. Weatherly provided an overview and the framework for the project and what the bureau is requesting for the Draught Contingency Plan. The estimated cost for the work by JUB is \$100,000.00 of which the bureau would pay half. Director Thackham motioned for the District to apply for the Draught Response Program Grant. Director Ayde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shawver moved the meeting into Executive session at 10:25 a.m. for 15 minutes, to discuss current litigation. The meeting was moved to open session at 10:40 a.m. There was no reportable action.

TRAINING

The Board listened to Public Records Training provided by the Washington State Archives Office.

DIRECTOR DISCUSSION

President Shawver provided an update from the legislation on the election process. There will be no change in the election process this year. President Shawver stated the District needs to address the topic, raised by Director Dickenson in a previous meeting, of improving communications with our patrons. It will be added to a future agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

President Shawver adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Vincent Shawver, President

Neil Martin, Vice President

Sherri Thackham, Director

Dallas Ayde, Director

Marilyn Dickenson, Director

ATTEST:

Curt Strifert, Secretary/Manager